

QQLA Minutes for Board of Directors Meeting

Date: January 21, 2019

Location: Nielsen's home

Chair: Doug Vizard, president

Members Present:

South Pond: Doug Vizard, Skip & Judy Nielsen, Don Taft, MaryLou Knight, Marita Tasse, Meg Noyes, Bill Seabourne

North Pond: Carlene & Randy Weiss, Jeff Clark,

Meeting Called to Order: 6:55 pm

Minutes Approved: Judy, posted on the web

Treasurer's Report: Carlene, accepted as distributed

Committee Reports:

BOD membership, Don

3 members have stepped down (LaPorte's and B. McLeary)

2 new members have joined from North Pond (Michelle and Jeff Clark)

Membership: Carlene,

133 member families

Fundraising: Bill,

\$15,932 raised in this 2018 fundraiser with a few more donations to record

NORTH POND PRESERVATION

SWWTP: NPDES Permit Progress Doug

Permit progress unchanged since our last contact with EPA: BOD discussion includes that we are 10 months from public hearing on wastewater permit. Some BOD members experience this as standard process while others are concerned this relates to EPA's near shutdown or purposeful delay tactic.

Action:

1. Doug follows the Spencer town minutes
2. Meg will begin retracking the SWWTP sewerage output monthly reports
3. Doug will call Andrea Donalin from the Ct. River Watershed Assoc. to see if they are following any progress

Weed Treatment Don

Don requested that the minutes reflect 2 questions he has:

1. Can QQLA obtain information from ESS on this new chemical that might be available for use on weeds in the lake.
2. Oakholm Farm Brewery is installing a well for use as a "public water supply". QQLA should ask ESS for information rules regarding concerns with either output from the brewery flowing into the lake or via weed treatments within the zone of a public water supply. Skip

mentioned that Camp Day also has a public use water supply well near the lake on South Pond.

SOUTH POND PRESERVATION

Flow Barrier update Skip

Skip spoke with Joe Fish from the East Brookfield BOS regarding the flow barrier and the high water this fall/winter. Basically they have had the opportunity to observe and any flooding homes due to high water and note the levels of water over the flow barrier being way above 18 inches.

Bridge Renovation Update Don

As noted last month, the upgrade will begin in the late summer and the bridge will be fully closed during construction.

Alum Treatment Skip

South Pond has 8 times the expected level of phosphorus in its sediment, per the testing done last fall. This means the funds required to seal the bottom with Alum is much higher than anticipated. We will need to begin immediately to apply for a 319 grant to cover costs.

Action: Doug will invite Carl from ESS to speak to QQLA at our next meeting.

Communication & Recreation:

Winter/Spring Social Marita

Oakholm Farm Owners: Christina and Babe Predella have invited QQLA to use their wedding venue of the big house as the location for our Spring event. We are delighted. The date will be Sunday, May 5 from 4-7 pm. It will be Pot Luck and include our crazy Yankee Swap. More details to come in the newsletter and facebook page.

Photo Contest Randy

On going until March 3. Details are included on the facebook page and website. Send to Randy your black and white or full color winter photos.

Newsletter Randy

Out for Valentines Day and will include our membership form for 2019

Next Meeting: Monday, March 4th 6pm at Knight and Taft's home

Meeting Adjourned: 9 pm

Respectfully Submitted; Judy Nielsen, recording secretary