

Lake Committee Meeting Minutes – July 18, 2015

Present: Lois L., Elayne D., Joan S., Rosina A., Terry C., Susan V., Debby G

Absent: Maggie Q., Gary M.

1. Review of minutes from last meeting, June 6, 2015

2. Lois reports on Board meeting – Friday, July 17.

The Dam - Unanimous vote by the Bd- Rosina is to be contacted as early in the process as possible once the Bd has determined that a DEC permit is needed for work on the dam. This was in response to a recommendation from the LC to the Bd at our June mtg.

The Bd declined to go forward with any attempts to procure a **501 (C) (3) not-for-profit status**, which was recommended by the LC at the June mtg.

There was an application of **Nautique** in 42 acres of the lake this past week. There are no restrictions on swimming, etc after the treatment.

Algae Treatments -

The LC is looking at the procedure of designating one or two people on the LC and/or Bd who will determine if an algaecide treatment should go forward. At least 24 hours' notice is required to stop a treatment. Ongoing.

The LC recognizes that many factors contribute to the growth of algae in the water column and/or on the surface of the lake. Among them – ambient temperatures, amount of sun and rainfall, and water temperature. The LC monitors conditions at the lake and works closely with Allied Biological, our lake manager, to determine the best times to treat the lake. Terry C coordinates with Allied, but Lois gives the final OK to treat. Allied can cancel on short notice if they determine that treatment is unwise at a particular time.

Notices of treatment are listed on the website.

3. **Response to letter from homeowner who wants to know why he cannot use low nitrogen organic fertilizer.** The homeowner's lawn slopes down to the lake without a vegetative barrier. He routinely fertilizes his lawn. The LC requests that the board, not the LC, respond to the homeowner's letter since the use of all fertilizers containing nitrogen or phosphorous are prohibited in Taconic Shores according to Rule VI, #4:

"No Member shall use or permit to be used on his/her property any fertilizer containing nitrogen and/or phosphorous or use any household chemical which contains phosphates."

4. **Welcoming Committee to new residents and the role of the LC** (Elayne) – Howard Blue is chairing the welcoming committee and they will be meeting. Members include Susan V, Patty and Susan, Maggie, and Charlie Wilster. The LC will provide the handouts to the welcoming committee

5. **Mission/Purpose Statement** (Elayne)
Tabled

6. **Can TSPOA partner with NYS/DEC Soil and Water Div in order to apply for in order to apply for a grant from NYS DEC?** There may be money available to install an aerator in the deep, natural portion of the lake. (Lois)

Lois will contact Theresa Mayhew and Scott Kishbaugh pertaining to this and get back to the LC this week.

7. **Task List** (Rosina and Lois)
Lois understands how best to use the task list and will pursue making appropriate changes so that it can be studied in different ways, ie: by member's name, by month, etc.
8. **Concern over amount of copper being applied to the lake** – (Terry)
According to the manufacturers' labels and the DEC, the amount of copper being applied to the lake is within safe limits. There is no DEC or manufacturer directives about total accumulation of copper in the sediment.

9. Perspective new members (All)

Ned S resigned from the LC and Rob W, Board member, will re-join to replace Gary L who resigned.. LC members are seeking new members who are eager to help out.

New Business:

Sand Bar: The lake committee is asking the Board to approve applying for a contouring permit for the sandbar as was done for the entrance to the channel last year. If the Bd approves, Rosina offered to do the permit.

In order to apply for the permit, Rosina needs certain dimensions of the sand bar: length and approximate height. We need it located on a map of Robinson pond and depth of sediment to be re-deposited (ex. 10 inches in adjacent area and identification of adjacent area on map).

Cutting down trees: LC members, as well as other members of the TSPOA community are concerned about homeowners who cut down trees seemingly without consideration for the future health of the lake. We had the beginning of a discussion about how best to approach this new problem. One suggestion is that we require a permit to cut down trees. Ongoing.

Next LC mtg: August 8, 2015

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 am

Respectfully submitted

Debby g