

## **Lake Committee Meeting January 11, 2014**

**Present:** Lois L., Gary M., Elayne D., Joan S., Susan V, Deborah Goldberg, Robert W. (board member), (Shawn for a few minutes)

**Absent:** Terry C., Rosina A., Gary L., Ned S., Mitch C.

### **Septic –**

Elayne has completed the task of organizing and analyzing the records in the office of which homeowners are up-to-date on pumping their septic tanks and which ones are not. She has been working with Margaret, the office manager, and is confident that our records of septic pumping are correct and up to date. Speaking without her notes, Elayne said there are 34 households that are seriously delinquent in pumping their septic tanks. (In fact, the current number is 28.) Some of them have already been fined and paid a \$250.00 penalty for their delinquency, but have not submitted a record that their septic tanks were ever pumped. Some of these properties are on the lake front.

Although contaminants from all TSPOA homes ultimately flow into the lake, the Lake Committee is deeply concerned that some septic tanks from lakefront homes may be leaching raw sewage *directly into the lake*. At this point, it is up to the Board of Directors to decide how to proceed.

Lois will present this information at the board meeting stressing how serious this situation is.

### **Dredging –**

Mitch got results of soil chemical testing from the Lab and sent them on to DEC and Army Corps.

We have yet to finalize a contract between TSPOA and Mr. Peck, the land owner who will accept the soil that we dredge from the lake. Debby will send Mitch's contract to Lois who will present it to the Board. Either Cara or Brian Herman should edit it as needed so that Debby can present it to Mr. Peck. Ned will make arrangements with Mr. Dooley for a right-of-way through his property for the project.

Rob voiced several concerns about the dredging project. Who will manage it? Can the two trucks we own handle the loads? Are the barges to be manned or not?

Lois will bring this up at the Board meeting so that Rob can express his concerns. To move forward with this project, it seems that there must be a meeting between the Lake Committee and

members of the Board who will actually be managing the project, namely Glenn, Rob, and Shawn, to discuss all concerns so the project can move forward without further discord.

### **Drawdown**

Rosina completed the drawdown report and Maggie and Elayne took all necessary photos. Maggie sent the photos along with the report to DEC. We haven't heard anything in response yet.

**Aerator** – There is a meeting “Southern NY Lake Associations on Lake Management Options” sponsored by the Three Lakes Council Organized and by Allied Biological Inc. Jan 23 from 6:30 to 8:30, at the South Salem Fire Department, 1190 Rt 35, South Salem, NY.

Debby will be going to the meeting and report back to the committee about aeration.

**Education** – Faye wants any articles to be submitted for review before the end of January. We discussed various topics to include.

Elayne will write a piece on the recent history or description of the water treatments.

Susan offered to do a piece on the new DEC rules for boat and launch use. However, the rules are in review for a month, so she cannot access that information yet.

### **Plan for Veg Buffer at boat launch C –**

Elayne suggests we make a 1/2-day-long event to plant a much needed vegetative buffer at the boat launch where the weed harvester used to be parked. The money for the plants will come from the “Lake Fund” (sales of T-shirts) Lois will present the idea to the Board.

**C-slap** – We are back in the program, and received the paperwork for 2014:

**DO sensor** - Debby will contact the vendor and Allied again about it.

Module kit – 550A-25      559 replaceable DO Module Kit SN: 08E: 101917 Probe 655900 -

### **Quorum Issues**

Since there are 12 Lake Committee members, a quorum consists of 7 members

The LC members are: Debby G, Lois L, Elayne D, Gary M, Maggie Q, Rosina A, Mitch C, Ned S, Terry C, Susan V., and new members Gary Lewis and Joan Stuart

Lou is no longer a member. He and his wife Sara are selling their house and have moved to a new home on L.I. Lou has been an important member of the TSPOA community for many years, serving as president of TSPOA and the lake committee. We wish him and Sara good luck in their new home and we will miss him.

Regina Awe is no longer on the Committee. We understand that she has commitments that keep her from participating.

If we schedule a meeting but do not reach a quorum we will conduct an informal meeting, but not vote on any major issues. Votes on those issues will be carried out via email.

### **Tracking Minutes and Website Update**

In response to our concern that all minutes of Lake Committee meetings have not been posted, Lois states that she herself will post them monthly when she receives a final version from Debby. Lois will also place a hard copy in the office file.

### **Budget and the Lake Fund**

1. All LC members present think that the lake committee should have a separate line in the TSPOA budget. Shawn, who was present for part of the meeting, agrees.
2. Moneys collected from T-shirt sales (etc.) – are in the “Lake Fund.” Lois received an email about it from Gary P and will forward that email.

### **Allied –**

Lois makes a motion to have Allied prepare the permit application for using Renovate –

Susan – second; No discussion; Unanimous vote

### **Biological Control of Milfoil**

New member, Joan S is pursuing ways to treat milfoil other than chemically. She has contacted someone from Cornell who will connect us with someone else at that institution who studies it.

Next Lake Committee meeting is March 8.

Submitted,

Deborah Goldberg Jan 14, 2013