

Lake Committee Meeting June, 14

Present: Lois L., Gary M., Joan S., Rob W., Susan V., Gary L., Rosina A., Elayne D., Deborah G., Mitch C (on the phone)

Absent: Ned S., Maggie Q., Terry C

1. **Bd of Directors Report**– Lois – The board understands the seriousness of ensuring that all septs are pumped regularly and the importance of keeping up-to-date records.
2. **Dredging** – Mitch – At the last LC mtg, there was a resolution that Mitch should meet with Glen, Shawn and Rob who were voicing concerns about the feasibility of doing wet dredging with the harvester. Mitch followed up and met with the three of them on June 7th. He admits that there are risks of damaging the weed harvester. The group came up with an agreement to build a barge/raft and to essentially do a pilot project to “get the kinks out” before mounting a larger project. This would include building a simple flat barge and dredging in the channel behind the island because it has an easy put-in and will not require permission from Mr. Dooley. Also, it is easy to put up silt barrier in that area. Getting on board with the project, Glen came up with ideas for this preliminary project. He has not yet decided where the landing site will be.

Debby will contact Trish of DEC and update her on this plan. However, nothing will be done until we get the permit from DEC.

Debby is working on getting the contract with Mr. Peck written up and signed by all parties.

Problem: We will need several thousand dollars to build the barge and we do not know where that will come from. Lois will present this to the Board

Other Dredging Possibilities (Rosina, Lois) Lois was unable to find out anything related, but she and Rosina will look into these new questions.

What can other companies besides Allied offer us?

We must clarify some things – Rosina and Lois will follow up

- a. Allied claims to be able to “hydorrake” and remove soft muck – How is that different from “dredging?”
- b. Clarify what is grading? We know that we do not need a permit to do this, but do we own an attachment that can do the job?

c. How close to the mouth of the Roe-Jan can we grade/dredge?

Elayne –has taken over Ned’s job and will contact Mr. Dooley in order to get a signed contract that gives TSPOA permission to access the lake from his property so that we can dredge.

Dam –

In response to many queries from homeowners last week, the LC recommends that the Board set up a protocol whereby homeowners can be quickly notified about any changes to the dam that result in changes to lake water level. Lois will bring this up at the Bd mtg

(Rosina is involved with regulations about dams, DEC, and dam failure. The day-to-day running of the dam is handled by maintenance.)

Rosina recommends that we look into having the dam valves automated in the future. An estimate from C.T. Male - from 3 yrs ago to automate the dam valves was about cost \$100,000

Lois won a free dam inspection at NYSFOLA. She is following up.

Allied – proposal May 13 – private shoreline – TSPOA is responsible for permits, - See email

The LC thanks Rob for his excellent work overseeing the dam maintenance.

Aerator -Elayne and Maggie wish to visit a lake that has an aerator to see if it might be suitable for RP. Ongoing.

DG made two attempts to get an estimate from Allied – ongoing. DG will contact Vertex directly.

Letter to Realtors – LC wishes the Bd to consider sending a letter to the Realtor Board to inform all Realtors who do business at the Shores of the newly promulgated Rules and Regulations in order to gain greater compliance, and awareness of rentals and transfers of property. Elayne wrote the letter and Lois will present it at the Bd mtg. The letter is attached.

Letter to New Homeowners - Susan V to do final draft and attach it to these minutes. Susan will work with Margaret, office manager, to design a process to send the letter w the attachments whenever a property is transferred. Lois will present this to Bd.

CSLAP – Gary M. was out on the water with Steve Wilson and had a refresher on using our equipment for CSLAP testing. Steve said that Gary's technique for taking samples was perfect. However, they discovered that the oxygen sensor that we had repaired is still broken and has to be sent back. Rosina will send it back.

Septics – Final 40 letters have been sent to people who are delinquent and will be fined.

The LC recommends the following changes to the Blue Bk Rules and Regs on septic fines:

***2. Failure to Inspect and/or File Documentation**

In the event that a Member fails to inspect or file documentation of inspection, the Member shall be subject to a \$500.00 fine. Following that, if Member remains non-compliant, TSPOA may disconnect a Member's property from the TSPOA water system until an inspection is performed and documentation submitted.

Lake treatments –

Allied has informed us (through Terry) that we cannot use Renovate - we can only use Aquathol. She is working on permits.

Meeting with Allied

L.C. Members agreed to ask Allied for a meeting to discuss the condition of the lake and to creatively and proactively deal with the sediment and the weed situations.

Lois will contact Allied.

Plant table at picnic - Elayne is doing another plant table July 12. She will accept all plants as donations. She has plenty of empty pots if anyone needs one. Bring your plants to Elayne's house by July 11.

LC planting at the old boat launch

Although the planting was a success, one Rose of Sharon is suffering for lack of water. The people from Taconic Valley confirmed the diagnosis.

Geese – We decry the goose poop at Beach 1. Twenty eight geese have been spotted and photographed. Lois will contact Ken Preusser about culling the geese.

New Business – Joan continues to look for ways to minimize weeds in the lake through biological means. She contacted Tom Coote of Berkshire Environmental Research Center. He offers a free inspection. She will organize that. Ongoing

NYSFOLA Mtg The 2014 Lower Hudson regional meeting of NYSFOLA will take place on **Friday, July 18** at the Sedgewood Club, on the shores of China Lake in Kent, NY in Putnam County. Registration will start around 9:30 am. If you want to get on the mailing list for information about this meeting, or to confirm your attendance, please email Janet Andersen at Andersen.janet@gmail.com.

Lois will discuss/submit her report to the Board on June 20 and include letter to New Homeowners, Draft of letter to Realtor Board, proposed change to the septic Rules and Regulations

Next Lake Mtg – July 26 at 9:30 AM

Sample letter to Realtors –

Columbia Greene Board of Realtors
337 Fairview Avenue
Hudson New York 12534

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Dear Interested Persons;

The Taconic Shores Property Owners Association (TSPOA) has recently promulgated revised Rules and Regulations. There are areas addressing both rental and sale of real property. While some of your members are undoubtedly familiar with TSPOA, many are not. Even those who have business at the Shores are probably not up to date with the revisions. It is important that all Realtors who have a rental or sale at the Shores understand the Rules and Regulations and be able to meet the standards during a deal. Adherence protects both the client and the Realtor and assists a smooth deal.

With regard to Rentals, the Rules cover the areas :

Notification to TSPOA
Submission of Required Statement
File Copy of Lease
Tenant Infractions
Unpaid fees, Assessments, Violations
Member's Responsibility

With regard to Sales, the Rules cover the areas :

For Sale Signs
Notification of TSPOA of Member's Intent to Sell
Payment of Outstanding Amounts Due TSPOA
Clearance Statement
Information to be Provided to Purchaser
Fee to TSPOA

There are other areas of general interest which we suggest are important for the realtors to understand and have available for clients . These include care of septic

systems, pets, noise, use of the Lake, garbage collection, property appearance, care and cleaning of the waterfront, motor vehicles, parking and many others.

A copy of the Rules and Regulations is enclosed. The TSPOA Rules and Regulations is on line. Please feel free to download copies for your membership

Yours truly,