

Lake Committee Meeting - Saturday, May 17, 2014

Present: Lois, Rosina, Susan V., Gary M., Mitch, Debby, Gary L., Terry C., Maggie Q., Elayne,

Absent: Ned S., Joan S.

Report on Board Meeting (Lois)

Lois and Susan went to the NYSFOLA Conference. Our Newsletter took second place at the Conference. Lois also won a free inspection of the dam by Civil Dynamics. We are required to have the dam inspected next year. Perhaps this inspection will fulfill that requirement. Lois will find out and coordinate the inspection with Glen and Bucky.

Dredging - Mitch, Debby, Ned

Debby continues to pursue the dredging permit from DEC and is in contact with Trish from DEC who needs more info about our plans to put removed sediment on Peck's property. Mitch will send the info to Debby who will forward it to Trish.

Lois reported that Glen and Shawn are not on board with Mitch's dredging program and that it is impossible to proceed with the plan. A discussion ensued. The LC decided that without abandoning Mitch's plan, we will continue to move forward with Mitch's plan while we:

"Solicit proposals from several lake managers to dredge the channel behind the island and also several individual homeowners' lakefronts." Rosina, Lois and Susan will write the proposals for lake restoration behind the island and in perhaps for several homeowners.

Septic

Elayne gave a report of the septic situation that she has uncovered after much investigation: 20 people are severely delinquent and 20 people are delinquent but not as severely delinquent as the others.

The Board agreed on May 16th, fines will be imposed on both groups, the long term failures and those due to pump in 2013 who have apparently failed to pump.

Allied:

1. We are waiting for a permit for treatment for milfoil by Allied. In this permit, there will be post-treatment monitoring requirements, but we do not know as yet what they will be. Terry suggests that we call for volunteers from the community at large to comply with the requirements to take water samples. (Terry)
2. Secchi Disc training - We may need some further training in Secchi disc procedure. Steve Wilson from Allied would be the one to re-train us if we need it. Debby will look into this.

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Letter to new homeowners about vegetative barriers and septic: Susan has written a letter to go to new homeowners as an introduction to the Lake Committee. Copies of our educational materials will be included with the letter. We recommend that the Board develop a plan to reach these new homeowners. It seems that TSPOA does not always know when a property has been sold. (Attached)

Letter to Realtors: (Elayne)

Elayne will draft a letter to realtors about home purchases.

Geese: (Gary)

There is one pair of geese and two other pairs that have hatched. We will let the Board know if we see large numbers of geese.

Planting at Boat Launch:

We purchased 3 dogwoods, 6 Rose of Sharon and 6 variegated grasses and they were planted at the Boat Launch by Glen and Bucky on May 17. The LC thanks Glen and Bucky for their efforts. Photos of the plantings will go in the Newsletter. The Lake Committee also thanks David Turveen for his generous donation for the purchase of plants. One half of the money is for this planting and ½ will be given to Trudee Dalton for her beautification project.

Plant Table at Bar-g-que - is scheduled for July 12. Elayne is collecting pots and plants for the sale.

New Business:

Debby has learned that a company called TRUGREEN is telling homeowners that they can spread a "natural and organic" product (fertilizer) that will make the lawn green. Debby discovered that the product is bone meal - which is almost pure phosphorous. Reminder: There is **NO** product/chemical/fertilizer that can safely be put on your lawn. Any such chemical will disrupt the delicate ecology of the lake. The DEC, Dept of Water, is aware of what TRUGREEN is doing and would like to stop them. Debby spoke with Angus of that division.

NYS Law about Transportation of invasive species and washing boats is in the works.

Next Meeting: June 14, 2014