

## **Lake Committee Meeting – April 25, 2015**

9:30 am

Present: Lois L. Rosina A., Elayne D, Maggie Q, Gary L, Joan S., Susan V., Gary M., Debby G

Absent: Terry C, but she gave her report to Lois, Ned S. (no contact)

### **1. Report of Board Mtg (Lois)**

Vote: The LC wants to remind the community that every lake homeowner must have an adequate veg barrier to absorb nutrients that would otherwise run into the lake, and that a fence does not qualify as a veg barrier.

### **Allied Biological treatment this season (Terry)**

Terry did not hear anything yet about a permit from DEC. DEC is concerned that any application of Aquathol (herbicide against milfoil) into RP will migrate downstream. DEC has not yet developed a model for how to determine this distance.

Kinderhook got permission to treat from DEC on Fri, 4/24. Lois will find out who is the applicator for that lake.

Cazenovia Lake is renting out benthic mats for 75\$/250 sq ft to their property owners 655-9213 #5. They prevent growth of plants at the shoreline.

Lois and Susan will look into this at NYSFOLA.

### **Paul Lord's proposal (Joan)**

Lord's proposal – \$21,000 for assessment only for 2015 + electrofishing and extra sampling

2016: \$30,000, includes stocking (treatment).

Joan will send contact info for fishing people at the lakes that Paul Lord has worked at to Gary M so he can contact fishermen at those lakes

Gary M does not like Paul's plan because he would not want to do something as drastic as changing the ecology of the lake that Paul Lord advocates. Right now, according to Gary, the bass and pickerel eat at the top of the food chain and Lord's treatment would undermine that food chain

Debby says that if we decide to go with Paul Lord's plan we should use Paul as an advisor only and hire a different company to do all the data collection and analysis. Debby feels that Paul has a conflict of interest in the outcome of his plan.

Gary will write several statements/questions for Paul and send them to LC who will send them to Paul for agenda in June

DeRuyter Reservoir – See attached

### **Septic pamphlet** (Elayne, Susan, Maggie)

The LC examined and discussed the septic pamphlet devised by Margaret, Susan, Maggie, and Elayne. The LC agreed to go ahead with printing it on two-sided colored paper with bulleted text for easy reading

### **Report on conference re: invasives and algae** (Maggie)

April; Westchester County center – 200 people in attendance. The conference was geared to professional gardeners

Westchester Community College has lots of resources for homeowners

According to state guidelines about invasive plants – In the future, plants will be labeled more clearly with a warning that some plants may be invasive and with suggestions for possible substitute plants

LC members should be prepared to remind homeowners that some plants are invasive and that homeowners should educate themselves before purchasing plants.

Elayne will buy jars to hold and display invasive plants at various TSPOA events to help homeowners correctly identify them

### **Discussion of Lower Rhoda and invasives** (debby)

Tom Coot treats their lake. Debby will pursue to learn what their situation is.

### **Vegetation buffer enforcement/part of building permit?** (Elayne, Debby, Gary L)

We discussed TSPOA's history of rules and fines related to vegetation barriers. We decided that we should not be fining people because the determination of what is a good barrier is so varied and unclear. We decided to focus in the future instead on education and encouragement.

The LC recommends that the TSPOA Board include additional wording in the TSPOA building permit about a requirement of a veg barrier and to contact DEC before clearcutting

LC recommends that the TSPOA Board establish a relationship with Town and County permitting offices (ZBA) to alert TSPOA when homeowners apply for a permit to tear down their house or do major construction. Our concern is that a homeowner, especially someone new to TSPOA may not be aware of the importance of maintaining trees for the health of the lake.

We will write an informational piece about this. (Debby Elayne)

**T-shirt** (Maggie and Elayne) – Maggie made a presentation – The LC chose a design. Maggie will have them made up.

**Plant table at summer party** (Elayne) – Elayne will once again have a table where folks can take a plant and make a donation (rather than an outright sale). She is accepting plants for “sale”.

**Geese mgt plan update** (Gar M) - Lake level is too low to get into lots of places with his boat; so he cannot find an oil eggs.

Next mtg: Saturday, June 6; 9:30 am

Meeting adjourned at 12:15 PM

Respectfully submitted

dg