

Lake Committee Meeting
October 25, 2014

Meeting began at 9:40 A.M.
Present were:

Terry Cerezola
Elayne Dix
Gary Lewis
Lois Lovisolo
Maggie Quadagano
Joan Stuart
Susan Vaughn
Rob Weingaertner

1. Meeting with Allied

We will submit permit applications for Aquathal Super K and Renovate. Maggie will be the back-up for Terry in the task of fulfilling the notification requirements and collecting the names and addresses of our neighbors along the Roe Jan Kill .

Usually Allied makes a draft of the permit documents and Terry goes over the draft to work on the wording. When finalized, it is sent to the office. Allied should receive answers from the DEC in mid-December.

Allied is advising we stick to copper sulfate as there will be more 'bang for the buck.' It is best not to wait until the algae is really bad. Copper Sulfate can be used two weeks after Aquathal Super K.

2. Harvester scraping/raking - The Maintenance staff has been told they must take care of the channel. Also, at the boat launch there is an accumulation of leaves. That area is overdue for raking. There were leeches at the beach. Is that due to the build-up of decaying plant material? Maintenance should be directed to that area for cleanup.

A platform/barge will be built for the dredging project. Gary Lewis is working on an agreement with Peck. The target date to start will be this spring. Rob suggested we come up with some dates.

3. Rosina has reached a 'wall' with the task list. Would like help with formatting.
4. Septics - Fines will be applied almost automatically after proper warnings. Board approved this plan. There are approximately 15 seriously delinquent, and 30 households from 2014 who were reminded to pump by January 1st or be fined. The newsletter is incorrect on the septic issue. Rob reported he raised the issue of "filler" in the newsletter at a recent Board meeting which can result in inappropriate or incorrect statements.
5. Joan Stuart reported on the meeting with Tom Coote from Berkshire Environmental. He recommended dry dredging and benthic mats.
6. Strategies for lake management.
Gary Lewis has been looking into suction harvesting and dry dredging. This will be an agenda item at the next board meeting. As this would increase the value of our homes it would be a good investment.
There was discussion of strategies to follow. It was agreed to do follow up visits next summer to Lincondale to see how the aerators are performing after a year, and to plan w Allied to have a dye test on our deep water. We can count on Debby to continue to find research on the subject.
7. Budget - We need to confirm what funds we have.
8. Alerts –We need prior approval for messages. Elayne will work on this with any input from Committee members. Thoughts from L.C. will be sent to Rob who handles the Alert system.
9. Task Force – Howard Blue and others will be hand-delivering a welcome letter to new residents. Gary Lewis (new rules committee – transfer fee, etc.) Elayne made the point that the L.C.'s interest is the packet of property care materials prepared by the L.C. That packet should also go to the new homeowner.
10. New Business – Joan has been in touch with Paul Lord who is working at Woodridge, CT. Paul Lord is doing research on weevils that eat milfoil.

11. Resignation - Rob is going to resign from the Lake Committee as the Blue Book states that no more than two directors can be on a committee. Rob and Frank Scorzello are welcome as advisors.

The next meeting will be January 17th.