

2/22/2022

Lake Beseck Environmental Committee Meeting

Wednesday, February 22, 2022

7:00 PM

1. **Call to Order – Meeting begins 7:10 PM**
2. **Members Present: R. Santos, H. Malcolm, J. Malcolm, L. McCabe, A. Cromac**
3. **Approval of Minutes:**
 - a. *A. Cromac motions to approve minutes, L. McCabe seconds.*
4. **Public Comment: None**
5. **Drawdown Update:**
 - a. There were no data loggers this season since the manufacturer could not get them to us on time. Unknown to CAES, the HOBO loggers required a software/firmware update before use.
 - b. This is not a huge loss as since it was such a warm winter that the drawdown data would not have been near the requirements.
6. **Update on permits:**
 - a. We are all set with our Pesticides Permit # AQUA-20022-382_#202301537, paperwork updated for 2023 and fee paid for this year
 - b. We will have to use the permit by the end of the 2023 or else we need to file with the State that we did not meet our deadline for the permit.
 - c. Pre-treatment survey: Greg Bugbee at the CT Experimental Agricultural Station can meet our parameters for the survey, which we have had a hard time doing so.
 - i. Greg has lots of experience with DEEP and formally worked with AER. He has worked on the Beseck Lake before.
 - ii. The price is more affordable than most.
 - iii. They would also like to perform post-treatment surveys.
 - d. While last year the milfoil was more manageable, we are expecting this year to be worse based on warmer weather
 - e. *H. Malcolm makes a motion to use CAES for our plant surveying, A. Cromac seconds.*
7. **Updating Concerning proposal requests for Lake Management:**
 - a. Rick has reached out to *Solitude, The Pond and Lake Connection, and All Habitat Services* and has not found an eager candidate to make a proposal as there is lot of work and contracts out there- hard to get contact and responses.
8. **Discussion: Full Lake management vs GEI Consultants (AER Equivalent) or CAES**
 - a. Often the Lake Management is more intense than typical testing, instead they look to enhance long term issues.
 - b. More often than not, these companies work apart. How can we combine operations, such as testing from one agency and Lake Management elsewhere.
 - c. Generally, the consensus in the meeting has been to look for all-inclusive Lake Management.
9. **CT Federation of Lakes and WCSU Recordings.**
 - a. The Federation of Lakes is a organization made up of experts and different organizations. Some Lake Associations are also in the group.

- b. The Lake Federation though seemingly active, is slow to update their websites and respond to emails so we are not too sure on the benefits of becoming a member.
 - c. The consensus is that although it is vague, we should try to sign up.
 - d. The lecture series told of several things, including a lot on road salt and the damage to water tables and lakes, another on cyanobacteria, another on fungi, another on carps.
10. Recruitment of new members and Spring Projects:
- a. Adoption of Mission Statement on site.
 - b. We might have a few leads on a few members.
 - c. The size of the group should be limited. Different skillsets.
 - d. Spring Cleaning/Earth Day.
11. Selectman's Report
- a. No Selectman's Report
12. Misc.
13. Adjourn – 8:37 PM
- a. L. McCabe motions to end meeting, H. Malcolm seconds.

Respectfully submitted to Rick Santos by James Malcolm, 2/23/2023- 11:00 AM