

04/05/2023

Lake Beseck Environmental Committee Meeting

Wednesday, April 05, 2023

7:00 PM

1. **Call to Order – Meeting begins 7:07PM**
2. **Members Present: R. Santos, H. Malcolm, L. McCabe, A. Cromac, R. Bernotas, J. Irish, C. Lundell**
3. **Approval of Minutes:**
 - a. *A. Cromac motions to approve minutes, L. McCabe seconds. Unanimous approval.*
4. **Public Comment: None**
5. **Presentation on Culvert plans and associated environmental protections:**
 - a. Randy Bernotas brought Culvert plans for Committee to review. Randy shows that there are comprehensive protections in place. Silt fencings, hay bays and temporary pipes.
 - b. Randy feels that they have a good plan, but is concerned about the two trees at the beach and how they will protect them. He will work with vendor on this. Randy says a large rainstorm will still be a risk for soil runoff into the lake.
6. **Update on Herbicide Treatment Plans:**
 - a. We are all set with our Pesticides Permit # AQUA-20022-382_#202301537, paperwork updated for 2023 and fee paid for this year
 - b. A proposal received from CT Agricultural Experimental Station (CAES) can meet our parameters for the Pre-treatment survey and has been accepted. Survey do be done in June 2023 when the protected *Potamogeton vaseyi* is most prevalent in lake.
 - i. They will also perform post-treatment survey.
 - c. All Habitat Services in all set to provide treatment in July 2023. Randy points out that he was very impressed with All Habitat and their presentation in a recent town meeting.
7. **Steps to be taken for public notification and education:**
 - a. Public hearing within our Environment Committee meeting. All Habitat Services to be present. *Informational* meeting.
 - b. Lisa says to set-up meeting timeline and start to notify paper (Town Times), Town Web site, etc.
 - c. It needs to be a Town meeting not just Lake Community meeting.
 - d. Jim suggests following existing structure for Town meetings: post card, press release, Town Web site, etc. and informational Town Meeting.
 - e. Jim suggests a master notification sheet to cover all forms of communication
 - f. Educational data to be developed for the meeting.
 - g. Jim to create draft copy of information
 - h. Get reservation for Large Community Center meeting and confirm All Habitat for meeting.
8. **Discussion: Lake management, water monitoring and plant surveys still an open item to obtain the right combination of suppliers. How do we want to approach the new supplier(s), full contract, or ala carte?**
9. **CT Federation of Lakes:**

- a. The Federation of Lakes is an organization made up of experts and different Lake Associations
- b. Discussion is this a meaningful membership for our committee?
- c. MEETING: April 29th, 9-12 Conference and Annual Meeting. Contact Lisa if you would like to attend. Sign-up available online.

10. Recruitment of new members:

- a. Potential new members to be followed-up

11. Selectman's Report

- a. 8000 Tires removed from house on Ross Road at a reasonable cost to the Town. Good news is that there is legal action against bank that owns the house to perhaps recover costs.
- b. Celebration of Life for Ed Bailey, April 23, 2023 Peckham Park, 2:00
- c. Brush pick-up starting April 10th. Get brush out prior.
- d. Budget hearings coming up: informational flyers sent out

12. Misc.

13. Adjourn – 9:00 PM

- a. H. Malcom motions to end meeting, all second.