WINCHESTER TOWN LAKES COMMITTEE

MEETING JUNE 21, 2023 – LIRARY

COMMUNITY ROOM / ZOOM

Minutes Draft

Attending - Rolf Ethun, Jim Evans, Gary Engstrom, Steve Budnik, Arlene Kellett, Darrell Smith, Jim Logan, Glenn Goldschmidt, Blaze Burton, Dave Lull, Glen Wildenberg, Nick Newton, Emil Bertalot, ~~Nick Newton~~, Dick Logan, John Grimmer

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA - Motion by Gary, second by Dave, none opposed.
3. FINANCIAL REPORT – No formal report was given, but no change in account balances were expected.
4. REPORT FROM BOARD LIAISON – update from John was circulated by email.
5. WATER COORDINATOR'S REPORT - please see Jamie's report to the town attached.
6. VILAS COUNTY REPORT – No update
7. OLD BUSINESS
   a. WAKE BOAT ORDINANCE PUBLIC HEARING REPORT & DISCUSSION
      i. The town listening session was well attended by about 60 folks.
      ii. WTLC sees as its role to recommend to the plan commission guidance so they can write an ordinance.
      iii. Any proposed boating ordinance would go before the public in a noticed hearing and would have to be approved by the town board.
      iv. The WTLC recommendation in two public meetings before the town board have been to limit wake surfing to water depths of over 20 feet and distance from shore of 700 feet.
      v. Jim Logan offered to make available lake maps showing the areas of operation that would be affected with these recommendations.
      vi. To be determined are how to mitigate AIS transfers between lakes and how lake size should be addressed.
      vii. A motion by Glenn, seconded by Blaze and passed 2 no, 3 yes, 1 abstention: for the WTLC rep, on Winchester lakes that currently have wake surfing, to reach out to one Wake Surf proponent and invite them to attend the monthly WTLC public meetings in person or via zoom.
      viii. The discussion around this motion centered on the need for WTLC to come to terms on the AIS and like size issues mentioned above.
      ix. WTLC meets are open to the public.
8. NEW BUSINESS
   a. 6 COUNTY LAKES MEETING - 7-14-23
   b. REPORTS FORM MEMBER LAKES
   c. LAKE ISSUES - REPORTS FROM MEMBERS
   d. ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR