

## **Winchester Town Lakes Committee Meeting Minutes, September 27, 2023, Library Meeting Room, or Zoom**

*Pending approval of the Lakes Committee*

**Present:** Steve Budnick, Blaze Burton, Dave Burger, Tim Douglas, Gary Engstrom, Susan Esslinger, Glenn Goldschmidt, Tom Kocim, John Grimmer, Darryl Gust, Arlene Kellett, Paul Lewandoski, Jim Logan, Richard Logan, Dave Lull, Rolf Ethun (Chair), Jamie VandenLangenberg (NLDC Woods and Water), Anne and John Nesgaard (guests).

Rolf E. called the meeting to order at 9:00 am with the **Pledge of Allegiance**.

**Agenda approved:** Motion by Dave L. Second by Glenn G.

**Minutes of August 29<sup>th</sup> Meeting approved with corrections:** Motion by Gary E. Second by Steve B.

**Treasurer's Report** presented by Rolf E.: \$22,021 spent to date (NLDC and Rejoining Vilas County Lakes and Rivers Association). Treasurer's Report **accepted as presented**.

**Winchester Town Board Report** presented by John G.

- Participating with Lakeland Elementary School, students are submitting artistic ideas for a Town Logo.
- Broadband Committee continues to look at options.
- Town has WIFI available via the Lions' Club.
- There is a problem with the large trash compactors on the town roads. We may need to have a users' fee.
- EMS meeting in the early week of October @ a cooperative venture for four towns in Vilas County.
- A new insurance carrier is being held up by the condition of the Turtle Lake Dam.

**Discussion** regarding a rezoning request for property development on Divine Road and impact into Clear Lake. The town's comprehensive land use needs to "sink" with Vilas County's. There is a need for supporting available jobs needing housing and supporting the elementary school. Affordable housing issue exists. Question regarding the impact of this development on the wetlands and the creek nearby. What will ensure the health of the lake and the support of the developer?

**NLDC Report** presented by Jamie V.

- Lake Management Plans need to be kept up to date. Harris Lake and Hiawatha Lake were completed.
- To control AIS in Harris Lake for next three years (2023) projects \$5,590 Town Share.
- 2024 Funding Grant Proposal for Birch, Tamarack, (Rainbow) lakes
- Important that this funding is supported by lake associations as well as WTLC.

Motion for a budget of \$26,000 per ongoing AIS agreement with NLDC **approved:** Motion by Gary E. Second by Glenn G.

### **Old Business: Wake Boat Ordinance**

- Town Planning Committee approved the WTLC recommendation.
- Town now needs a Condition Report (Gary E. will forward this report to the town and the WTLC members).
- The draft Ordinance and the Condition Report are sent to the Wisconsin DNR for review (they have 60 days).
- The Town Board can then vote on the recommendation.

### **New Business: Lake Reports**

- Glenn G. reported Eurasian milfoil has been found in some areas. CBCW will need to be vigilant.
- Arlene K. has collected the used fishing line and will send it to recycle as soon as she has the address.

**Water Conservation Presentation** by Carolyn Scholl "Total Phosphorus Results" emphasized making wise decisions about protecting our lakes. Phosphorus, once in a lake, never leaves. The full report is available on the website. The staff identifies lakes that need protection or remediation.

**Motion to adjourn approved.** Motion by Jim Logan. Second by Susan E.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Esslinger, Secretary WTLC