

Winchester Town Lakes Committee Meeting January 31, 2024, Library Community Room

Pending Approval of the Lakes Committee

Present: Gary Engstrom, Jim Logan, Paul Lewandoski, Darryl Gust, Dave Burger, Darrell Smith, Brian Schumaker, Richard Logan (Vilas County Supervisor), John Grimmer (Town Board Liaison), Nate Petreman, Rolf Ethun, Jamie VandenLangenberg (NLDC Water Program Coordinator), Richie Dollhopf (NLDC Lead Conservation Specialist), Steve Budnick (Zoom), Nancy Russell (Zoom), Tom Kocim (Zoom).

Meeting Brought to Order at 9:00 AM by Chair Gary Engstrom with **The Pledge of Allegiance**.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Susan E. Second by Darryl G. Motion passed.

Approval of September 27, 2023 Minutes: Motion by Steve B. Second by Dave B. Motion passed.

Financial Report: No Formal Report currently (Gary E.)

Report from Town Board: Bright Speed has a proposal as of December 2023. This is the first time we've had a partnership. @ 90 % of the town will be covered. Vilas County has a new ordinance that regulates the number of parking spaces and the number of guests, plus a room tax for funding basic services (renters). Combined EMS Services is "on board". There is a need to hire a Director and create a Governing Board. The dam quoted: \$29,000.

Gary E., on behalf of the WTLC, thanked **Rolf E.** for his remarkable service to the WTLC and to health of all the lakes and the success of the NLDC.

Introduction of **Nate Petreman** and **Brian Schumaker**, new WTLC members.

Report from NLDC Woods and Water 2024 Projects: (Presentation by Jamie V. and Richie D.) Following is the summary of the *AIS Update*: CBCW training improvement needed. There is a planned Lakeside Aquatic Plants Workshop (to be announced in the NLDC Program Guide). There is an AIS Database and Map of invasives across Winchester. Early season AIS surveys target lakes with most public launches. Harris Lake received a WDNR (3 year) grant for DASH, hand harvesting, and water training for volunteers. AIS yellow iris full survey is needed (Blooms must be clipped in early June). Purple Loosestrife and Japanese Knotweed should be removed when discovered. Early detection of Spiny Waterflea (SWF) is imperative (WDNR Directives for North Turtle, Rock, Circle Lily lakes). **Gary E. will forward the full report to WTLC members.**

May 3rd is the North Lakeland Woods and Water Program. Registration will be emailed to WTLC members.

Old Business: Jim Logan reported on the **Wake Boat Ordinance Status**. February 10th is scheduled public hearing at 10:00 AM. A Zoom link will be available.

New Business: WTLC 2024 Meeting dates: April 24, May 22, June 26, July 24, August 28, September 25. Gary E. reported TLCA had 100 hours of volunteers in 2023. Harris Lake surveyed walleye. Their results from stocking: 0-1-year-olds are non-existent, with some 2-year-olds. *Question* regarding use of eyelid system on a gate before launching on public land.

Items From The Floor: Rolf E. Stevens Point State Convention is April 10-12. Online registration is available (2024 lakes convention).

Adjournment: Motion by Paul. L. Second by Jim L. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Esslinger, WTLC Secretary