

## Winchester Town Lakes Committee Minutes for August 24, 2022

**Attending:** Glen Wildenberg and Tom Kocim (Birch Lake), Kay Wegner (Circle Lily Lake), Jim Evans (Harris Lake), Darryl Gust and Nancy Russell (Hiawatha Lake), Darrell Smith (Little Papoose/Noseeum Lakes), Susan Esslinger (North Turtle Lake), Dave Lull (Pardee Lake), Paul Lewandoski (Papoose/Rosalind Lakes), Glenn Goldschmidt and Jim Logan (Rainbow Lake), Steve Budnik and Gary Engstrom (Rock Lake), Arlene Kellet, John Grimmer (Town Board Liaison), Jamie VandenLangenberg (NLDC Water Program Coordinator), Rolf Ethun (Committee Chair).

Meeting was called to order by Rolf E. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda for the meeting approved (Motion by Dave L. Second by Gary E.)

Financial Report was presented by Rolf E.

Town Board Liaison John G. reported the following items:

- Vilas County Board voted not to open county roads to ATV traffic in Winchester, MW and Plum Lake.
- Vilas County Economic Development Corporation believes they can facilitate a successful broadband application in the next round of PSC grants with Winchester and Manitowish collaboration.
- Town Board begins 2023 budget consideration August 31.
- Winchester, MW, PI, BJ all put in \$6000 in funds for a study of shared ambulance service options.
- The Turtle Lake Dam will be inspected in 2023 with a budgetary cost of \$3500-other quotes are being sought.
- September-October start paving Old County W.

Minutes of the July 27, 2022-WTLC meeting were approved (Motion by Gary E. Second by Glenn G.).

NLDC Water Coordinator Report was presented by Jamie Van:

- Jamie thanked everyone who volunteered to allow intern Richie to join on their boat to survey their shorelines for purple loosestrife. All plants were dug out and removed in Adelaide and Pardee Lakes.
- Over 70 hours were spent removing 1600 lbs. of yellow iris from the Turtle Chain.
- Harris Lake continues to remove the invasive curly leaf pond weed. Jamie is looking for a DNR grant to help with this.
- Workshop on AIS and aquatic plants was held at Rainbow Lake with Harris residents with a good turnout.
- Grants to write are PI updates to vegetation of townwide management plan for Harris and Hiawatha Lakes (both completed last in 2015).
- Gary Engstrom is working on a Healthy Lakes Grant for the Turtle Chain.
- Will provide a proposed budget to the WTLC at September meeting.
- Will provide more details on fees for services that the NLDC water program can offer.
- Books about aquatic plants can be purchased at the UW-Stevens Point Extension Lakes Bookstore.

Darrell S. gave a report on Little Papoose/Noseeum Lakes: They have no Lake Association. Everyone volunteers to watch for invasive lake species. Beaver control is a major issue. He will contact the County to learn what is allowed.

Gary E. presented a report about the Hazardous Wakes on lakes. Following the presentation and after much discussion, the WTLC recommends this presentation (Hazardous Wakes) be presented to the Town Board. (Motion by Susan Esslinger, Second by Gary E.).

Steve B. reports the Dissolved Oxygen Meter scheduling is going to be used this year even more than 2021.

Arlene K. is willing to send any used fish line that is collected to the recycle center in Iowa.

Lake Representative concerns included continued yellow iris infestation. Papoose has yellow iris as well as the Turtle Chain. Gary E. reminds everyone to remove the blossoms, so the plant at least doesn't spread.

Meeting was adjourned. (Motion by Gary E. Second by Steve B.)

Respectfully submitted by Susan Esslinger, Secretary