

9-28-2022 Winchester Town Lakes Committee Meeting Minutes

Present: Blaze Burton (Lake Adelaide), Glen Wildenberg and Tom Kocim (Birch Lake), John Grimmer (Town Board Liaison), Jim Evans (Harris Lake), Darryl Gust (Hiawatha Lake), Susan Esslinger (North Turtle Lake), Dave Lull (Pardee Lake), Paul Lewandoski (Papoose/Rosalind Lakes), Glenn Goldschmidt (Rainbow Lake), Steve Budnik and Gary Engstrom (Rock Lake), Arlene Kellett (South Turtle Lake), Galen Brownell (Town Board), Jamie Van (NLDC Water Program Coordinator), Rolf Ethun (Chair).

Meeting called to order by Rolf E. at 9:00 AM with the **Pledge of Allegiance**.

Agenda Approved (Motion by Gary E. Second by Dave L.)

Minutes of 8-24-202 for the WTLC Meeting Approved (Motion by Gary E. Second by Glenn G.)

Financial Report presented by Rolf E. with no changes since August in the Discretionary Fund (\$1000.00). The AIS carry-over remains at \$19,000.

Winchester Town Board Liaison Report presented by John G.

- Work continues for the 2023 budget.
- Winchester is looking to hire a new employee.
- Town attempting to provide Health Insurance and Retirement Plan for full-time employees.
- Presentation on Hazardous Wakes by Gary E. for the WTLC scheduled for October 3 at 6:00 PM.
- Planning Commission is discussing possible room tax and shipping container ordinance.
- Sign ordinance is receiving some push-back from businesses whose signs have been removed.

NLDC Water Coordinator's Report presented by Jamie V.

- At the Rice Lake Association sponsored meeting on October 12th, Jamie will be one of four experts speaking on the history of Turtle River Chain of Lakes. She will discuss the work that NLDC has performed on the headwater lakes in Vilas County.
- The request for funding the 2023 AIS Agreement to the Winchester Town Board was presented to the WTLC. The agreement includes prevention of AIS infestations, the rapid response to manage AIS Infestations, and administering AIS Programs efficiently and effectively. The request is for \$21,971. **(A motion was passed that WTLC recommends the Town budget this request to the NLDC for the 2023 work required for our lakes.** (Motion by Jim Evans, Second by Dave L.)
- New NLDC brochures were presented.

Old Business

- Gary E. will present the Wake Boat Ordinance Report to the Town Board October 3rd.
- Steve B. reports the DOM continues to get great usage. By October 1st, there will be 17 uses on 8 Winchester lakes. He is looking at the sensor and when a new one is needed.
- Arlene K. will collect the used fishing lines and send in for recycling by October 12th.

New Business

- Gary E. continues to process a grant for Turtle Chain Healthy Lakes.
- John G. reports the Town is responsible for reinspection of the Turtle Lakes Dam. An engineering firm will be hired (\$25,000-\$35,000 cost) to do the inspection.

- Gary E. reported on the yellow iris infestation on the Turtle Lake Chain. 2022 saw 133 yellow irises. 45 landowners were notified. TLCA members had an 80% response to eradication requests. There was a 50% response by non-TLCA members. 16,050 lbs. of iris were removed.
- Blaze B. reported on Lake Adelaide and Helen Lake: Lake Adelaide is 57 acres and 61 at deepest. It flows into Helen Lake which is 16 acres and 52 feet at deepest. A stream of some water flow goes into the Turtle Lake Chain. They are presently reorganizing their Lake Association. Need for removal of yellow iris and purple loosestrife, beaver control, shoreline health, loon health and habitat, volunteer recruitment and development, removal of honeysuckle infestation, fish habitat, and boat landing control and maintenance.
- Items from the Floor: Citizen Lake Monitoring Program has a one-year gap during the COVID pandemic. Birch Lake reports unusual clarity in their water. What would be the reason(s) for this? Suggestions included 1. Lack of rain, 2. Tamarack die-off, 3. Loss of a beaver dam, 4. Forestry work on a ridge line might have changed the leave-falling water balance. Noseeum Lake's request for a Carry-in Only sign at their boat landing cannot be changed because the landing was created by the DNR.
- A motion to give \$100 to each of the 2022 NLDC interns was passed (Motion by Jim E. Second by Blaze B.)

Meeting Adjourned (Motion by Blaze B. Second by Gary E.)

Respectfully submitted by Susan Esslinger, Secretary WTLC