

SHAKER PINES LAKE ASSOCIATION
11/02/2021 Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order: 7:03

Pledge of Allegiance

Board Members Attendance:

Leslie Cunningham, Lorraine Creedon, Sharon Ledger, Jaime Macsata, Jeremy Stefanik, George Temple, Linda Ostapoff, Allison Cushing

Jaime Macsata – Tax Collector

Absent Dan Hart

Reading of Minutes –

October 5th Monthly SPLA Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Jaime Macsata to approve minutes. Seconded by Lorraine Creedon. All in favor.

Recommendations & remarks from SPLA Members

Lori Parker 105 Cottage Road and Lisa Lacombe 143 Cottage Road

They would like the original Winstanley letter was sent to homeowners posted on website since it was not sent by Winstanley to all homeowners originally.

Concerns Regarding Winstanley Project:

This is going to be soil, thirsty soil, that is covered and can't absorb, hold, or process water. It's going to fall, but where's it going to go? With what velocity? How will it impact us? So all-feasible impact studies would need to be done.

The lake is filling in at the headwaters, Eutrophication, and studies from years ago can become Swiss Cheese, full of holes, when you take into consideration changed water rates due to this natural phenomenon that is occurring here.

There are so few Sand Pine Barrens left in CT! Ten years ago it was only 2%! What is the increased runoff going to do to our homes, our sea walls, our common, shared properties, OUR TINY EARTHEN DAM? We had 30 inches of rain in July alone, can you imagine the equivalent of that moving through our waterway every month because the Earth can't absorb it so it becomes run off?

What risk is there to our water and our air if there is some kind of a fueling facility there? He needs to open a gas station in an area zoned for it.

Here's his brochure if they want to add this to the newsletter as well where it talks about a fuel station

https://winent.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/35BaconRoad_Enfield_WinstanleyLogistics-LOW-Res.pdf

Leslie Discussed with Wright and Pierce the Winstanley project any what the impact to spillway/lake would be. This could have an impact on the lake and should be discussed with Public works/Town Engineer. Also, requested a copy of the damn study.

Correspondence –

N/A

Treasurer Report - Lorraine Creedon

Account

Balance

Cert of Deposit 1	\$82,997.78
Cert of Deposit 2	\$27,627.03
Capital Account	\$42,784.71
Checking Account.	\$35,829.36

Activity Account - \$2,347.60

Tax Collector Report – Jaime Macsata

Total Taxes Collected October 2021 \$ 1,709.25

YTD

Manual Payments	\$26,313.02
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On-Line Payments	\$ 7,291.12
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Totals Paid By Year

2016	\$ 2,985.23
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2018	\$ 1,153.77
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2019	\$ 1,271.02
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2020	\$28,194.12
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Total Collected	\$33,604.14
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Total Taxes Outstanding	\$12,808.57
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Released 5 liens Released Oct

Released 8 liens Released Nov

42 liens remain open

Accounts that have balances less than \$1,000 will not be placed with the Marshall as the fee does not warrant the effort involved.

Committee Reports -

Ecology - Leslie Cunningham

Lake has been lowered

Lake will be raised once hard freeze

No treatment activity

George Temple is concerned with the condition of the lake. Between 89 and 97 Cottage Road there was previously a sandy bottom and which is now all weeds.

Would like for us to get a quote from the people that service Crescent Lake, as they seem to be happy with that company. Since the service from Solitude is concerning. Concerns with the Green Bacteria. The treatment being used is different then Allium, Leslie will contact to determine why.

Regarding adding additional fish to the lake now is not the time since the fish gate is not working properly and is difficult to maintain with the leaves in the fall.

George Temple will follow up with Dan Hart to determine if the fish gate will be repaired as part of the spillway project or should it be fixed now.

Need to contact Doug McGill to get the additional gate.

Contract with Solitude is through June 2022 – Permit is good through December 2022

Permit Cost is \$350 – Permit application needs to be started in February for that year

Property Committee –George Temple, Allison Cushing

November 1, 2021

Location: 184 Cottage Rd.

Attendees: Allison Cushing, George Temple, Cheryl Cote, and Leslie Cunningham

Upper Beach -

1. Dave Olson took down the Life Saver Sign and removed the posts with concrete. We need a few strong people to help us move the posts for disposal. George will coordinate efforts. Thank you acknowledgement will be in newsletter. Springtime we will purchase two new posts and resurrects the sign to the left side of the lot as to not obstruct visibility of our beautiful lake.
2. Signage restoration provided by Jaime Macsata will occur in the spring with better weather.
3. In an effort to continue to motivate our members to use the Upper Beach for their furry friends Allison will price out for signage with the poop bag dispenser and stickers to designate where the poop can be disposed.
4. Brown barrels are on backorder at this time but will be purchased once available. Lisa Strom and Allison Cushing will coordinate the pickup. George will ask Carrie to print out more SPLA labels for bins.

Sandy Lower Cottage Road Beach -

1. See topic 4 in Upper Beach segment.

Memorial Lot -

1. Cheryl proposed two suppliers for the Memorial brick sale in the spring. Polar Engraving and BricksRus samples show 3 lines for your message. Estimate roughly \$50/brick with proceeds going to the spillway or activities funds. Seeking volunteer with brick laying experience/knowledge to assist with this project and will ask in the next newsletter and on the Facebook page. We will also take a poll from the association members to gauge their level of interest and help us determine how many bricks are needed in the initial launch.
2. Flagpole not lighting up at night. George will follow up with Danny.
3. Work on gates to ease opening on Memorial lot and the damn. Allison will look into.

Landscaping Bids -

1. Allison meeting with Bill's landscaping and K&B Lawn Mowing this week for tour of the properties and quote discussions. If pricing not in line with expectations then we will use George's friend Dan and request volunteers to assist with the fall cleanup.

Items for Fall Newsletter:

1. Add thank you to Dave Olson for his work talking down the sign at the Upper Beach.
2. Add thank you to Cheryl Cote for planting the beautiful mums and upkeep of the entry sign
3. Reiterating No Dogs allowed on the sand on Sandy Beach, explain impact to health
4. Designating Upper Beach for pet usage

Communications –

Kassie Huhtanen, Karen Mulready, Elaine Olson

Newsletter to go out November 4th

Lorraine will print labels however, needs the format

Activity Committee – Linda Ostapoff

Leslie Cunningham, Steve, Harz, Jaime Macsata, Lori Parker, Stacy Sparrazza, Carrie Temple, Allison Cushing, Dan Smith, Lisa Strom

Meeting held October 21. Attending: Linda Ostapoff, Jaime Macsata, Lisa Strom, and Lori Parker

Jamie ran the Halloween event on Oct 24 parade, costume contest/parade and pumpkin carving all at Memorial Park.

PRIZES were awarded for Best adult costume and best vehicle there were 3 Children's prizes : Scariest, Funniest, Most Original. We had to purchase pumpkins this year because of bad crop conditions locally.

Upcoming events:

Wreath Sale Thanksgiving weekend, Saturday, November 27 from 10 to 12. Wreaths are \$20.00. Coffee and donuts will be offered free to residents at the wreath sale. We will make bows for the wreaths. Bow making party at Linda's house in November. Will show you how to do it. November 17th

Food Drive/Santa Run first weekend in December, Saturday December 4th Tree lighting to follow that evening (5pm).

TIME for the lighting needs to be determined. We discussed what kind and size of tree to have. Saw some taller (9 feet) artificial trees on www.holidayaisle.com and www.birchlane.com still these are noticeably smaller than the real trees we have had. Need to discuss how we could get a real tree here and anchor it, is artificial a viable option, and how to anchor that. Looking for opinions on this. Looked at solar lights so we would not have to use electricity.

Children's Christmas party is planned for December 11th and can be held outside if needed. Will be run separately from the activity committee by Carrie Temple. Carrie will reach out to us for assistance with the event. Carrie will be running a separate fundraiser for this event.

Shaker Pines Lake Calendar will be on sale during all of these events. The calendar is \$20.00 and will be printed through Staples for each order.

Lights on the Lake Contest. Judging December 12th. Michael's Limousine will once again provide the First Prize. Limousine Trip through Bright Nights for up to 18 people. Second Prize \$100.00 Gift Certificate to Target, 3rd Prize \$50.00 Gift Certificate to Target.

Potential Feb/March/April events depending on covid restrictions at the time.

Bowling Party

Movie (rent movie theatre for the showing)

Bingo or Spaghetti Dinner

Also discussed getting some kind of covered sign that we could use instead of poster board. We saw a large dry erase board for \$145.

\$100 was donated to buy another picnic table by Randy Daigle and has been deposited to activity fund. Allison has purchased the table and placed it on Sandy Beach.

Outstanding Items-

No Update – until 2022

Update on inquiry for Irene Percoski regarding the deteriorating wall next to the pump station on West Shore.

Old Business –

Spillway Report – Discuss and plan spillway committee meeting date

Option 2 is to replace vs. relining – with is the option we are leaning toward.

The concrete is cracking and will need to be looked at.

There is a pipe attached to spillway gate with valve. The valve is very difficult to turn.

Gabion Baskets included in permitting. Can Mario replace?

Out floor/storms North wall – More water than in the past. Need dam study report to research

Change to spillway due to increase water flow – Discuss with town/public works/Winstanley for funding options.

Shari Jackson – No update
Not sure of counter offer status

Website
No Update

New Business –
N/A

Closing Remarks/Round Table
Lisa Lacombe 143 Cottage Road would like to have monthly updates on the Winstanley project

Meeting adjourned 8:20pm
Motion to Adjourn George Temple seconded by Jaime Macsata. All in favor.

Respectfully,
Sharon Ledger