SHAKER PINES LAKE ASSOCIATION

**05/02/2023 Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting called to order:** 7:00PM

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Board Members Attendance:**

Leslie Cunningham, Dan Hart, Lorraine Creedon, Sharon Ledger, Linda Ostapoff, George Temple, Allison Cushing

**Absent** – Jeremy Stefanik, Jamie Macsata

**Reading of Minutes** –

Both March 7, 2023 and April 4, 2023 SPLA meeting minutes approved with minor changes.

Linda Ostapoff made a motion to approve with changes. Seconded by Lorraine Creedon. All in favor, motion carried.

**Recommendations & remarks from SPLA Member**

Sharon Ledger requested that all committees submit their monthly reports electronically. These will then be added to the meeting minutes submitted to the town. This will allow us to improve our record keeping, since we have many projects going on now.

We did not renew the Go To Meeting subscription. If we plan to continue virtual meetings, Lorraine suggested we investigate Zoom meeting which is $149 per year. Jeremy mentioned at a previous meeting that with the Go Daddy licensing he thought a virtual meeting option was available. Tabled to next meeting to confirm with Jeremy.

Damage to lake properties. Recently there was damage at the lower cottage beach to a picnic table. The Boom was also disconnected. Police have been notified and requested that if we see any suspicious activity we should call them, and they will check out and increase the police presence.

July SPLA board meeting is scheduled for July 4th since this is a holiday we will reschedule to July 11th. Leslie will check to see if the Fire House is available on July 11th.

**Correspondence –**

Nothing to Report

**Treasurer Report -** Lorraine Creedon

Capital Account $ 145,846.09

Checking Account $ 2,713.56

Activity Account $ 2,345.13

**Budget $ remaining $ 43,979.67**

2023-2024 Budget –

Dan Hart made a motion to raise tax collector’s salary from $600 to $800 yearly. Seconded by Linda Ostapoff. All in favor, motion passed.

Liens and Supplies was decreased from $1,100 to $900 which resulted in net $0 change for Tax collector expenses.

The landscaping budget was increased from $3,600 to $5,000.

Spillway cost - The Town approved $75,000 ARPA funds, $76,000 CIF funds.

Lorraine will supply Leslie with bills related to the spillway to present to the Town of Enfield for payment.

**Tax Collector Report –** Jaime Macsata

Taxes collected for April 2023 $ 374.56

Total July 2022 – April 2023 $ 34,154.81

Manual Payments $ 23,693.40

Online Payments $ 10,461.41

Total Outstanding Taxes – $ 9,725.29

Currently open liens 51. 2 liens were released in April 2023. 14 Warrants as of May 1,2023.

For 2021 we are at a 90% collection rate.

**Committee Reports** –

**Ecology** - Leslie Cunningham

Treatment is scheduled for the end of May contingent on receiving all email addresses to notify lake front owners.

The list of outstanding homeowners was reviewed and distributed to board members to personally follow up to get the email addresses.

Liz Werner was questioning why homeowners would need to be notified if the treatments are non-toxic. Leslie will contact Liz to explain non-toxic alternatives do not mitigate algae. The treatment is toxic to the person processing the treatment if it were to become in contact with hands/eyes however, the water dissipates the toxins and there is no harm to fish and swimmers.

Leslie will write up a summary of what the treatments process and include in the newsletter.

**Property Committee –**Allison Cushing

George Temple, Leslie Cunningham, Linda Ostapoff, Cheryl Cote, Paul Cote, Dave Olson, Dan Smith and Jeremy Stefanik

No April Meeting.

George Temple spoke with Brian Peterson of NE Landscaping Services regarding the landscaping contract. George will complete a walk through with Brian for the spring/fall cleanup and monthly mowing and have Brain submit a quote.

The fence at the upper cottage is completed and looks nice.

The fence at Memorial lot is in need of repairs. Lorraine requested the closure gate be repaired.

Lorraine will call GMH Fencing.

Allison stated it stencils and paint could be added to garbage cans to identifies owned by SPLA. The board requested to have metal piece on fences we own to identify owned by SPLA.

The tree that is hanging over the retaining wall by 119 Cottage Road. What action is needed.

George will visit the lower cottage beach to determine if additional sand/topsoil is needed. If so, he will get a quote.

Upper Cottage – nothing can be done on that property with out inland/wetlands approval.

Improving that lot could be very expensive.

Dan will dispose of the picnic table at the lower cottage beach that was damaged.

Knotweed is growing on the Upper Cottage beach property.

**Communications-** Elaine Olson

Newsletter will need to go out in May with the Warning and Ballots

All articles need to be to Elaine prior to May 9th.

Items that should be included –

Board Members needed.

Don’t feed Geese.

Mail no later than May 30th

Jasmine Curry will be taking over the newsletter.

**Activity Committee –**Linda Ostapoff

Leslie Cunningham, Jaime Macsata, Lori Parker, Carrie Temple, Stacy Daigle, Lisa Strom, Jasmine Curry, Kellie Dixon

Activity Committee Report May 2, 2023

A meeting was held on April 24, 2023

Attending: Linda Ostapoff (chair), Lori Parker, Carrie Temple, Stacey Daigle, Jamie Macsata, Lisa Strom, Jasmine Curry, Kellie Dixon

Jasmine Curry has offered to take over the newsletter and will work with Elaine to learn what to do.

With the potential sale of the Firehouse, we will need to relocate events and parking that have traditionally taken place there.

**Upcoming events:**

**Plant Sale: Saturday May 13th from 9 until 1** **at the Old Firehouse**

**Father’s Day Ice Cream Social: Sunday June 1**8th**, 1:30** **at Memorial Lot**

**4th of July Parade**, **Saturday July 11th****at 11:00 AM** Rain date July 2nd, featuring the Shriners.

**July 15th 9 pm Movie Night??** Allison is willing to do this, but we are not able to use the Firehouse as the ownership at that time is unsure. IS there an alternate place to have a movie night? We would need electricity.

**Tie Dye Event**: **August 20th** **rain date August 26th** **1-3 Memorial Lot**

**Childrens Fishing Derby: September 9th** **Sandy Beach**

**Block Party**: **Saturday the 23rd** **from 12 to 4. Memorial Lot** **Rain date Sunday September 24th**

**Fundraising**

1. Plant sale and raffles at the Block Party.
2. New fundraising event- adult dance party November 3rd at the Knights of Columbus .

**Old Business**

Spillway Updates- Leslie Cunningham, Randy Daigle, Dan Hart, Dan Smith

Need Permit before we can go out to bid.

Waiting for the Town budget to be approved to ensure the $75,000 promised will be in the 2023-2024 budget.

Waiting on Wright and Pierce plans to review which should be completed in a week or two.

DEEP approval process is estimated to be 6 months. DEEP is also requesting a personal permit be obtained.

We would like to begin in the Fall if all permits and approvals are received.

Update on Water Testing –

No Update

East Longmeadow construction near Jawbrook Reservoir-

An email request was sent to Leslie from Lori Parker requesting funding to hire an outside environmental scientist to represent SPLA.

There is concern about how the proposed Recycling/Transfer station for the processing of Construction and Demolition materials will directly feed our lake waters.

The name provided was Victoria Houle, Project Engineer, Wicked Houle located in Manchester, CT. She is licensed in both CT and MA. Her cost is $100 per hour, and she is estimating it would take 6/7 hours to complete the material. If we wanted her to attend the May 16th public hearing to present, she would, however, she does not feel it would be worth the extra money.

Lorraine Creedon made a motion to hire Victoria Houle to complete an evaluation of the plans for the recycling center and present to Town of East Longmeadow, MA and not to exceed $1,000. Seconded by Linda Ostapoff.

Discussion –

Board members felt that there was not enough time for this to be reviewed as it was submitted right before the meeting. The general feeling was that this was needed, however, we would have liked more time to review and consider.

It was decided that we would hire Victoria to complete the evaluation to notify Town of East Longmeadow that we are requesting they follow all EPA complaint environmental guidelines to protect the community.

The vote was taken 5 in favor 1 Against – Motion passes.

Office of the Policy Management Request (Taxes-Mill Rate vs Flat Rate)

Leslie will hold an executive board meeting regarding the taxation method.

**New Business** –

**Closing Remarks/Round Table**

**Meeting adjourned**

Sharon Ledger made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 PM. Seconded by Dan Hart. All in favor, Meeting adjourned.`

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Ledger