

SHAKER PINES LAKE ASSOCIATION
06/06/2023 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, Jeremy Stefanik, Jaime Macsata

Tax Collector – Jaime Macsata

Absent – Allison Cushing

Reading of Minutes –

May 2, 2023 SPLA meeting minutes approved with minor changes.

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

Recommendations & remarks from SPLA Member

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. Confirmed with Jeremy Stefanik that Go Daddy does not include the availability to have virtual meetings in the Microsoft team application. Zoom meeting would be recommended @ \$149 yearly cost.

- Dan Hart – Neighbor mentioned that there are too many solar lights at the entrance to Cottage Road.
- Need to ensure the next landscaping contract includes planting flowers at the entrance to Cottage Road, as well as fall and clean cleanup.
- The knotweed at 119 Cottage Road is causing concern that it will damage the retaining wall. Property committee to reach out to landscaper to determine best way to address/control.

Correspondence –

Nothing to Report

Treasurer Report - Lorraine Creedon

Capital Account	\$ 141,852.19
Checking Account	\$ 2,121.46
Activity Account	\$ 2,698.13
Budget \$ remaining	\$ 39,248.75

Lorraine will not be returning as Treasurer next year. Thank you for your MANY years of service. Lorraine, we will miss you.

Lorraine suggested we consider putting some of the capital funds into CD's. Lorraine and Jeremy have been meeting to go over books and the process to ensure a smooth transition.

Wicked Houle Engineering has been paid in full.

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

Tax Collector Report – Jaime Macsata

Taxes collected for May 2023	\$ 132.82
Total July 2022 – May 2023	\$ 34,293.63
Manual Payments	\$ 23,832.22
Online Payments	\$ 10,461.41
Total Outstanding Taxes –	\$ 9,681.08

Currently open liens 51. No liens were released in May 2023. 14 Warrants as of May 1,2023. For 2021 we are at a 90% collection rate.

Committee Reports –

Ecology - Leslie Cunningham

The lake treatment took place on May 25th.

Report from Pond and Lake Management attached.

Ann Collins requested information regarding what is being used to treat the lake. She stated this was a concern for the inland and wetlands committee. Leslie reached out to Ann Collins as this was not stated in the Inland and Wetlands meeting minutes.

Leslie had three little foxes visiting.

Property Committee –Allison Cushing

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

George Temple is waiting on a quote from Brian Peterson of NE Landscaping Services.

George will follow up to ensure the flowers at the entrance to Cottage Road are included in the 2023-2024 landscaping bid.

Last year we contracted for three mows – July, August, and September (2022-2023)

Next year July 2023 – June 2024 we are requesting seven mows. For the next contract we need to ensure we are more specific in our expectations (lots to be included, number of mows, fall/spring cleanups).

George to address knotweed with contractor on how to control/maintain.

A few picnic tables at the lower cottage beach and Memorial lot require attention, this will be addressed by the property committee. Jaime has paint if needed to maintain picnic tables. Dan Hart and George Temple will complete this.

The lower cottage beach has been raked and cleaned up. We will need additional sand and topsoil.

George met with Plaza Excavating and they will be providing sand.

Leslie looked for signage to put on SPLA owned fences. The signage we are looking for has not been located yet.

Dave Olson will put up the swimming sign with life preserver at upper Cottage Beach.

Dave Olson will also be putting the Back lot owners sign on the 106 Cottage lot.

Due to the condition of the flag at the Memorial lot it needs to be replaced. Sharon Ledger will purchase a new flag for the Memorial lot.

Dan Hart and George Temple will replace the flag once it is received.

A barrel was placed in front of the sandbags at the lower cottage beach lot.

Communications – Elaine Olson

Thank you to Elaine for all her hard putting the newsletters together. Also, thank you to Dan Smith for printing the newsletters.

Currently, Elaine Olson together puts the newsletter. Jasmine Curry will be taking this over and providing the information to Dan Smith who will have the newsletters printed.

Lorraine will continue printing labels for the newsletter and provide them to Jasmine Curry.

The question was asked why we do not ship bulk mail, the reason is we do not have enough volume.

Website – Jaime Macsata, Jeremy Stefanik

The website is up and running. The meeting minutes and agenda will be available on the website.

A plaque will be presented to Bob Duga at the Annual meeting, the original webmaster, in appreciation of the MANY years of maintaining the website.

Activity Committee –Linda Ostapoff

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

Ice cream social scheduled for June 18th @ Memorial lot.

July 1st is the date for the SPLA parade this year.

Old Business

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

Received Draft Amendment 2 (attached) for the Lake Pond Dam Spillway Project from Wright-Pierce

This amendment included an increase in the cost of an additional \$46,000.

(\$21,000 Hydraulic/Hydrologic study Lump sum payment Lump sum payment

\$25,000 Permitting Services hourly not to exceed)

Wright-Pierce is requesting we sign the amendment and return it to them. They will then submit the permits. This should take 6-8 weeks if we sign off on the proposal. Once returned from DEEP it would be an additional 3 weeks.

There is plenty of concern about this as the original quote was changed from \$19k to \$31k. And now we are getting an additional charge of \$46k. There was a meeting that Leslie and Lorraine attended back in September 2022 where DEEP stated the licensing would need to be individual vs general.

The original quote was \$151,000 to complete the job, which is the amount that was requested and approved from the Town of Enfield. \$75,000 ARPA funds - \$76,000 CIF included in Town of Enfield 2023 approved budget.

Dan Hart, Randy Daigle, Dan Smith, and Leslie Cunningham will meet this week to discuss this proposal to review and provide determine what next steps should be taken as the proposal seems contradictory. One of the items is dam vs spillway though out email and we would like clarification.

Appears DEEP is requesting additional information on the dam.

DEEP wants to know if change in waterflow.

Feel DEEP is requesting additional information to see if there is a change in the waterflow. Which would be the reason for the Hydraulic/Hydrologic study.

Leslie Cunningham will contact Victoria Houle to see if she can provide any assistance and/or contacts prior to meeting with Randy Daigle and Dan Smith.

Leslie Cunningham has requested board members read the proposal and provide feedback/questions. Sooner rather than later.

Leslie will also contact Stephaine to determine if she would know a DEEP contact and/or if she had an engineer she would refer.

Dan Hart suggested to talk to neighbors and encourage them to attend the Annual meeting to make them aware of the issues we are up against.

Update on Water Testing – Linda Ostapoff

Linda Ostapoff will be contacting Victoria Houle to see if she can provide a list of names of contacts to complete water testing.

East Longmeadow project may cause additional issues.

Stephanie Houle has been paid \$800 which was charged as legal fees.

East Longmeadow construction near Jawbrook Reservoir-

Leslie Cunningham and Linda Ostapoff attended the public hearing.

The report that was prepared by Victoria Houle of Wicked Houle Engineering outlining our concerns and was presented to the Town of East Longmeadow to review.

The Town of East Longmeadow was receptive to our concerns and was going to present them to the conversation committee.

Public Hearing remains open. Next meeting June 20th, Senior Center, East Longmeadow, MA

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

This has been resolved and we will continue with the flat rate based on home rules.
Remove from Old Business for July 2023.

New Business –

The Emergency Action Plan needs to be updated.

Maintain Dam as needed. Leslie Cunningham and Dan Hart will walk the property this weekend to see if anything needs to be addressed.

Leslie Cunningham would like to remain the contact for lake treatments with Pond and Lake Management. And will remain on the Spillway committee.

Dan Hart will continue to maintain the spillway.

BIG THANK YOU TO – LESLIE CUNNINGHAM, DAN HART, LORRAINE CREEDON AND ALLISON CUSHING!!!

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

Secretary, Shaker Pines Lake Association

