

Winchester Town Lakes Committee Meeting Minutes

January 26, 2022 – 9:00AM – Library Community Room/or Zoom

Pending Approval of Lakes Committee at next meeting

Attending: John Grimmer, Rolf Ethun (Committee Chair), Dick Jenks (guest), Gary Engstrom, Kay Wegner, Darrell Smith, Dave Lull, Jim Evans, Steve Budnik, Tom Kocim, Nancy Russell, Blaze Burton, Susan Esslinger, Paul Lewandoski, Glenn Goldschmidt.

Meeting Called to Order by Chair Rolf E. with Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of 9-22-2021 Minutes as corrected: Moved-Dave L, Second-Gary E.

Financial Report: Rolf E. will send via email to committee members.

Winchester Town Board Liaison Report: John G. sent report via email to committee.

NLDC Water Coordinator Status: Interviews of excellent candidates continue. Rolf and Gary are on the search committee.

Great Lake Association Initiative presented by Dick J. (Boulder Junction): To address overdevelopment of shoreline as the #1 threat to lake health and water quality. The Vilas County Lakes and River Association started working with realtors to provide packets of material to new lake owners (@19000 Vilas County properties turn over every year). The VCLRA website includes the “Greet Your Neighbor” program on their website. The program recognizes the need for property owners to be better stewards of their shoreline. Dick will send more details about the initiative via email to committee members.

Old Business: Gary E. reports the Fishing Line Recycle program worked well in 2021 and he sent the used lines to Iowa for recycling. Steve B. reports the Dissolved Oxygen Meter was well used the first year. Another training program will be offered in May,2022. Paul W. reports Dave Lucas is no longer an alternate committee member. Birch Lake is initiating a new management plan.

New Business: Wisconsin Lakes and Rivers Convention is scheduled for April 6-8 at Stevens Point. A motion for the WTLC to pay registration fees for up to five Winchester residents was passed (Motion-Susan E., Second-Gary E.) Rolf E. will be

speaking at the convention. Gary E. requested a schedule of the summer 2022 reports from each Lake Association's Management Plans. Rolf E. will get a schedule out in spring. April 27, 2022 will be the next WTLC meeting.

Meeting Adjourned: Motion - Steve B., Second - Nancy R.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Esslinger, Secretary