

Town of Goshen  
Board of Selectmen  
**Lake Weed Management Committee**

**Special Meeting**

Town Hall Conference Room  
**April 19, 2016 7:00 PM**

**Present:** Michele Fitzpatrick (TL), Jerry Kaizer (TL), Nell Glass (WSP), Simon Ellis (WSP), Robert Valentine, First Selectman

**Excused:** Steve Romano, Chairman, Lida Exstein (DP), Santo Manicone (DP), Richard Reis (WL), Ken O'Hara (WL)

**In Attendance:** Chris Sanders (WSP), Helen Loomis (DP)

1. **Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order by Robert Valentine at 7:00 pm
2. **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes for the March 29, 2016 meeting were presented for approval. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Simon Ellis SECONDED BY Michele Fitzpatrick to approve the minutes. SO VOTED
3. **Financial Status for Each Lake** - Bob Valentine reported that his staff is currently working on an accurate fiscal report for the Town Lake Committee. Bob has asked the Towns accounting consultant, Deborah Franklin, C.P.A. with King & King & Assoc. to update all expenditures and donations to Quick Books so that it can be presented as an accurate report to the Lake Committee. Chris Sanders asked if it was at all possible to have an unofficial tally from March 28<sup>th</sup> on. Bob responded that it was his plan to have a report by April 29<sup>th</sup>. Bob explained that once the town accountant has transferred information to Quick Books he would then present an accurate monthly report for the Lake Committee. Bob stated that once the town budgets are in place and the town's Board of Finance has set the mil rate, the lake Committee may go forward with its plan to ask for monies from the town to be appropriated for the three lake remediation efforts. The town would then have a meeting where a vote would be taken to approve these measures.
4. **Individual Lake Updates** –  
**TYLER LAKE:** Jerry Kaiser reported that Tyler was still in the process of working on a plan with the company Solitude. Jerry also reported that all three lakes were represented at the Connecticut Federation of Lakes Annual Meeting, which took place at Camp Coch, this year. Jerry went on to say that the meeting was very well attended and that all three lakes had an opportunity to meet and talk with other lake Association's. From this meeting our representatives were able to get a better sense of how to approach future lake remediation projects and most importantly educate area residents. Jerry added that it is quite difficult to proceed with any efforts if area residents and recreational users of our lakes do not understand that our lakes are

facing major problems. Jerry went on to suggest that because a large portion of the town's budget goes to education that we approach Region 6 schools with a request to include science programs that would help students understand the value of caring for our lakes. Michele Fitzpatrick reported that a Dr. Knoecklein was to start investigating the cyanobacteria bloom that had occurred on the lake last year. Michele also reported that it was discovered that an endangered fish, Alewife (a minnow) was discovered at the lake and this may cause some set backs for certain remediation efforts.

**WEST SIDE POND:** Chris Sanders, who is heading up WSP's letter appeal, went on record to say that they are anxious to see a financial report from the town so that they could begin remediation plans in early May. Simon Ellis reported that West Side is ready to start moving forward with its plans and that Dr. Knoecklein was looking to start his work in early May. Simon asked how important our input would be to the upcoming Plan of Conservation and Development meeting and Bob said that it would be very beneficial to all concerned, especially to anyone concerned about the future growth of our town.

**DOG POND:** Bob Valentine reported that the Board of Selectmen has appropriated \$1,000.00 for the Recreation Department as part of Camp Coch's contribution for the clean up effort for Dog Pond. Dog Pond is currently working on raising funds for the Weed Harvesting that is to take place this summer.

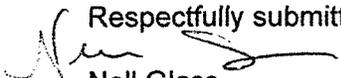
5. There was some discussion about the importance of educating the community and lake residents on conservation, possible boat launch monitoring and creating community awareness with regards to invasive species, septic tank leakage, cyanobacteria blooms and protected species. It was brought up that one problem we face as representatives of our lakes is the lack of education and understanding of many our residents. Bob recommended that it would be beneficial to all concerned to attend the Plan of Conservation and Development Meeting on April 26<sup>th</sup>, He suggested that by attending, residents can get ideas and help to create a future plan for our lakes and community.

There was no other business to come before the committee.

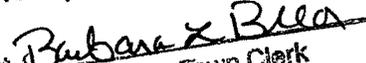
A MOTION TO ADJOURN WAS MADE BY, Nell Glass, SECONDED BY Michele Fitzpatrick

The meeting adjourned at 8:00P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Nell Glass

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Attest   
Goshen Town Clerk