

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

Town Hall Conference Room  
**May 31, 2016 7:00 PM**

**Present:** Michele Fitzpatrick (TL), Jerry Kaizer (TL), Lida Exstein (DP) Santo Manicone (DP), Nell Glass (WSP), Simon Ellis (WSP), Robert Valentine, First Selectman, Steve Romano, Chairman

**Excused:** Richard Reis (WL), Ken O'Hara (WL)

**In Attendance:** Chris Sanders (WSP)

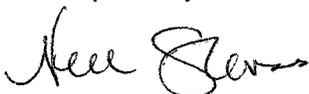
1. **Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order by Steve Romano at 7:00 pm
2. **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes for the April 19, 2016 meeting were presented for approval. A MOTION WAS MADE BY Simon Ellis SECONDED BY Michele Fitzpatrick to approve the minutes. SO VOTED
3. A MOTION WAS MADE by Santo Manicone to add Financial Status to the Agenda under Line D. of Individual Lake Updates/Information SECONDED BY Steve Romano. SO VOTED
4. **Individual Lake Updates/Information:**
  - A. **Dog Pond:** Lida Exstein reported that Dog Pond has lined up three companies that will potentially bid weed harvesting. Dr. Knoecklein has said that before a remediation plan can be drawn up Dog Pond must remove as much biomass from the lake as possible. Bob Valentine said that he and Garret Harlow from Public Works have completed an RFP for Dog Pond and that they would be presenting it to Dr. Knoecklein for review and then putting it out for bid. Lida Exstein also reported that Dog Pond is still working on fund raising efforts and is looking into creating a booth for the Town Wide Tag Sale at Camp Coch. Currently Dog Pond has raised \$16,718.00 of which \$4,516.67 has been paid out to NE Aquatic Research for water testing, survey and remediation planning. Total funds remaining \$12,201.33
  - B. **West Side Pond:** Simon Ellis reported that Chris Sanders has been working, tirelessly, on behalf of West Side Pond to create a procedural plan of action for Dr. Knoecklein and his company NEAR (NE Aquatic Research). Chris has also made great strides with fund raising efforts and is currently working on plans to incorporate WSP under a 501C3 Non profit. Chris Sanders added that he is currently talking with a lawyer who works with 501C3 corporations and that there will be fee's for setting this up as well as for the application. So far West Side Pond has raised \$15,516.66 and has paid NE Aquatic Research \$3,616.66 for research, for testing and surveys \$3,616.66. Total funds remaining \$11,900.00.

- C. **Tyler Lake:** Jerry Kaiser reports that Tyler Lake is in the process of changing over the current Tyler Lake Association and incorporate to a to a 501C3 Non Profit. Tyler Lake recently had Dr. Knoecklein come to the lake to teach volunteers (approximately 10 people) how to do water testing and collect samples. Jerry mentioned that when he and Dr. Knoecklein were out on the lake in Jerry's boat they found a number of large green mass's floating on the lake. George (Dr. Knoecklein) took samples, but it was his concern that Tyler Lake may have an algae problem that can be linked to septic leaching and nutrient run off. Jerry Kaiser went on to say that one issue facing Tyler lake is that many of the area residents are not well informed of the issues and problems that are facing the Lake, and it is his belief that we have to start educating the residents if we are to save our lakes from eutrophication (the process of a lake or water body growing in). Many people come to our lakes in Goshen to enjoy recreational activities and live, however, they are ignorant of the declining state of these bodies of water. Tyler Lake is currently looking into Hydro-Raking and more studies/testing on the algae blooms. Tyler Lake has raised \$10,168.00, of which \$6,391.67 has been paid to NE Aquatic Research for research, testing, sampling and education. (It is noted that some of the monies spent for education and testing have come from the Tyler Lake Association) Total funds remaining \$3,776.33
- D. **Financial Status:** First Selectman Bob Valentine distributed the Lake Weed Management Fund Reports to the board member's noting that the \$4,000.00 from the AIS (Aquatic Invasive Species) Grant was dispersed used and recorded, meeting its deadline. Bob went on to report that he has spoken to the Board of Selectmen as well as the Board of Finance on behalf of the Lake Weed Management Committee and has proposed that the town allocate \$30,000 to the LWMC to be evenly distributed between the three lakes for remediation purposes. Bob asked that a representative from each lake attend the next Board of Selectman meeting on 6/14/16 to present their request and then to the Board of Finance on 6/22/16. Bob spoke of the importance of going to the town's people and asking for these funds. Being that the town of Goshen is fortunate to have these beautiful lakes that are very much a part of our history and greatly add value as well as quality to our lifestyles. It would be a great loss to everyone concerned, most especially the town of Goshen, should we neglect the health and state of these incredible bodies of water.

There was no other business to come before the committee. A MOTION TO ADJOURN WAS MADE BY, Santo Manicone, SECONDED BY Michele Fitzpatrick

The meeting adjourned at 8:00P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Neil Glass  
West Side Pond

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Attest Megan Skunkin  
Goshen Town Clerk