

## PLIB minutes – 3/14/12

1. Meeting called to order, Chairman Jim and Arden not present. Cathy will act as Chair.
2. Motion by Paul to accept February minutes – motion seconded by Elaine – motion carried.
3. Public Comment – None
4. The following correspondence was discussed:
  - a) Draft documents for Public Hearing - Motion by Paul to accept amended feasibility report by LSE, seconded by Elaine, motion carried.
  - b) Jennifer submitted an article on a move by the State of New Hampshire that will ban all herbicides used in lakes to manage weed control as evidence is showing that weeds are becoming intolerant to herbicide treatment.
  - c) S A D roll
5. Chair Report – None
6. Appearances – Jennifer Jones: I have been in contact with John Tucci and the DEQ permit is on track to be issued in mid May. This is good news if the SAD is approved. The system could be installed in May
7. Old Business - Discussion on units of benefit for commercial property like the number of cabins on a property and also vacant commercial property.
8. New Business –
  - a) Jennifer will gather info regarding SAD hardship exemptions. This will be on hand for the Public Hearing and will be published on the website. Also, the SAD correction roll will be at the Mackinaw Town hall.
  - b) Mike Solomon – Advised we keep a copy of the notice in the newspaper. The board needs to look at a lone to fund the beginning of the project. Cathy said she is looking into multiple sources. Jennifer has applied for a grant in the amount of \$150,000 and it looks good.
  - c) John Beeson offered the Board a bid for the electrical work for the aeration system from Alexanders Electric. The Board accepted the bid and will obtain 2 more bids from local contractors.
9. Financial Report – 2 bills turned in for public notices.
10. Public Comment

- a. Bob Roll: How many compressors are in each shed? Mike S. – One in each shed.
- b. Bob Smith – What is the maximum amount we can request in a grant? Jennifer – over \$100,000.
- c. Bob Smith – If we get more money would we treat more of the lake or use it to bring costs down for the existing program? Jennifer – The Board would have to make that decision but the goal would be to treat more of the lake.
- d. Rosemary Consoni– Jennifer where did you get the information on the weevil damage you said is happening in our lake? Jennifer – When we did our inspection in the Fall, it was evident that there was a good amount of weevil damage.
- e. Rosemary Consoni - How do you qualify the success for weevils? Jennifer - There are many variables that can prove success, stem damage and weevil activity will be part of our upcoming study. In our late October view of the lake we noticed quite a bit of damage to the weeds and found that in some areas that weeds were no longer present.
- f. Rosemary Consoni – If herbicides are used it kills weevils. Will laminar flow kill weevils? Jennifer – No, and it could augment the population giving them a healthier environment in which to grow.
- g. Mike Solomon – The second year would be better for stocking weevils. We will have money in the contingency fund and we will have more studies to understand weevil population in the lake after year one. Elaine – I don't want that opinion to be definitive. We have a whole other portion of the lake that needs to be addressed as soon as possible so I don't want to see weevil treatment delayed to next year. Jennifer – if grant money is received we will certainly be looking at augmenting the weevil population this year as well.
- h. Ken McGuire – Will aeration hoses interfere with fishing? Jennifer – no.
- i. Marilyn Smith – the project area covers approximately 1/5 of the lake and the people in the SAD that live on the other side of the lake might favor stocking weevils in the East End. Jennifer – this is certainly something we will be looking at.
- j. Marilyn Roll – I agree, we have the rest of the lake that needs some attention as well. Since others who do not live in the West Bay are contributing to the SAD, I'm sure they would like to see treatment in their areas.
- k. Ann Klebba – The SAD must be fair and equal otherwise it will open a can of worms.
- l. Marilyn Smith – Is there a cap for back lots? Cathy – yes.
- m. Discussion on SAD criteria:
  - i. Both residential and commercial properties involving multiple parcels and the cap amounts.
  - ii. Ann Hayes – At the public hearing can everyone make comments to the board? Jennifer – yes.

- iii. Mary Madigan – Do vacant commercial properties pay? Jennifer – yes.
- iv. Rosemary Consoni– People in Hebron Township have called me wanting to know why they have not received their SAD letter and I told them to go to a board meeting. Jennifer – If they want their areas treated and want to join the SAD, they need to attend their own Township meetings and get their Board involved.
- v. Brief discussion on the process involved with the Public Hearing.

## 11. Final Comments

- a) Elaine (to Paul and Cathy) – When the Township newsletter goes out can we put some language in it regarding private donations for our project? Answer from both Twp reps, yes. I would also like to add information on our website for the possibility of accepting donations. Also, we should have signs at our boat launch sites/public accesses about our project cautioning people to be careful when using the lake to avoid the aeration hoses. Finally, we should think about directing boaters to the new boat was station.
- b) Elaine (to Marilyn Roll) – Do you know if we will have a sound system for the Public Hearing at the Mackinaw school? Marilyn – yes.

## 12. Meeting adjourned.