

Minutes from Lake Management Study Committee Meeting

Date: February 15, 2017 @ 6:30 PM

Present: Noah Siegel (Chairman), Steven Weiss, Rob McGrath, Stanley Rosen.

Absent: Michael Goldstein, David Blazkowsky

Guest: Greg Meister

Called to order at 6:34 pm.

Weed Management plan:

Noah Siegel distributed documents pertaining to previous weed survey, treatment proposal, and recommendations from Amanda Weise (Oxbow) relative to preservation of the endangered species (toothcup).

Mr. Siegel provided an overview of results of the weed survey that took place this past year which showed a large amount of fanwort in the lagoon (body of water adjacent to south cove/behind the community center) as well as two fairly limited areas of fanwort in the cove. A single milfoil plant was identified in Fletcher's cove. A discussion followed pertained to the following questions: Do we make a recommendation to treat this year? How extensive should the treatment be? What is the best way to protect the endangered toothcup which grows along the shores of our lake?

The committee felt that there was a good result from the treatment in 2014 and that the extent of weeds is very limited within the lake. By incorporating the advice of Oxbow, the committee felt that it should advise the ConCom to treat the large burden of invasive weeds in the lagoon while blocking the outflow into the lake. By doing this, we will not have to lower the lake level and potentially have very low water levels by the end of the season (as we did in 2014). In addition, the weeds within the lake would be treated using a suction dredging method or by hand picking. Mr. Siegel made a motion to that effect and it passed unanimously.

Next steps:

1. Obtain revised proposal from Oxbow for preservation and monitoring plan
2. Obtain revised proposal from Solitude for treatment of lagoon.
3. Obtain quote for suction dredging method of weed removal
4. Once received quotes, Mr. Siegel to go before Finance committee to ask for special transfer of funds to accomplish this
5. Communicate with Conservation Commission and ask for extension of order of conditions.

Committee Budget

Mr. Siegel suggested that increase our budget to \$6500 annually so that we can obtain an annual lake weed survey performed by a professional company (cost \$5900 in 2016). Discussion

followed. Mr. Siegel made a motion that we request an increase of our annual budget to \$6500. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Siegel will go before finance committee to request this increase.

Flume House Naming

The committee discussed the previous naming of the Flume House after Cliff Towner. The committee would like to affix a plaque to the building in honor of Mr. Towner. Noah Siegel and Steve Weiss will be meeting with a representative from the Norwood Monument company on 2/18.

Motion to adjourn at 7:41 PM