

Lake Management Study Committee

Minutes of May 12, 2022

Meeting via Zoom

Attendees:

- Lake Management Board/Committee Members: Laura Henze Russell (Chair) Debbie Tatro (Co-Chair), Stan Rosen, and Ken Hyman
- Guest: Gary Bluestein (a non-voting attendee)

Approval of Prior Meeting minutes

- Laura made motion to approve meeting minutes of 4/19/22, Stan Rosen seconded
- All approved: Stan, Debbie, Ken, Laura

General Updates

- Annual Meeting Warrant was unanimously approved
- CPA grant will begin FY23 July 1, so revised FY22 budget to cover May/June 2022 testing
- FY22 money slated for 9th day of DASH weed remediation will be used toward testing
- Three proposals (above \$10k) for DASH companies were solicited, NEAS selected as best bid
- Start date for DASH was sent to Everwood. Either Aug 15 or Aug 27 is fine with NEAS. We decided to start on Aug 27 after the camp closes.
- ESS Group is now a subsidiary of TRC Environmental Corporation, the contract will be with TRC.

Authorizing Payments

- Motion by Stan Rosen that moving forward, authorization to approve payment vouchers will be done by Laura (Chair), or Debbie (Co-Chair) in her absence. This will apply to approved budget items, and to miscellaneous items under \$200, and will require only one signature. If a payment item doesn't meet the criteria above, then the Board will need to approve the expense.
- Second by Ken Hyman. All approved: Stan, Debbie, Ken, Laura

Budget Review and Approval

- Motion by Stan Rosen to authorize and pay for ESS/TRC Environmental Corporation expenses of \$2,567 from FY22 funds (budget line 8), and G&L Laboratory expenses of up to \$1,000 from FY22 funds (budget line 13). Laura seconded, all approved: Stan, Debbie, Ken, Laura.
- Motion by Stan to authorize Debbie to purchase the Test Kit materials either as a unit or as individual items plus the Fluorometer if it can be done easily for the amounts stated in the budget, \$2900 from CPC FY23 funds (budget line 18). Debbie seconded, all approved: Stan, Debbie, Ken, Laura.
 - Notes: Testing kits are difficult to come by and wouldn't be available until July 1 and may be even later. We may need to buy individual pieces. Stan suggested we buy items if a comprehensive kit is not available. There were 12 people at the training who were interested but Debbie thinks it would actually be a smaller group.

- Where will the equipment be stored when not in use? We also need a freezer for lake water cyanobacteria samples. After discussion, we agreed we would ask the Fire Department. Gary said he would be willing to help research the water testing sampling equipment and find availability if Debbie sends it to him.
- Motion by Laura to authorize CPC FY23 funds \$1,950 (CPC funds) to pay for the NepRWA CWMN site and Sucker Brook hot spot testing. Debbie seconded, all approved: Stan, Debbie, Ken, Laura.
- Motion by Ken authorize payment of up to \$1,045 for kiosk posters and other materials to be used for Education and Communication from the CPC FY23 grant. Laura seconded, all approved: Stan, Debbie, Ken, Laura.
 - Notes: DPW can print items such as maps as well. In the future we could consider pamphlet for lakefront owners. Sources could be EPA, NepRWA and some others. Ken to gather materials. Debbie to send pamphlet she knows about.
- Motion by Laura to encumber \$17,700 in FY22 Reserve Funds for paying NE Aquatic Services per April 29, 2022 contract, and to authorize for payment \$17,700 from these encumbered funds to NE Aquatic Services for weed remediation/harvesting (DASH) for up to \$17,700. Debbie seconded, all approved: Stan, Debbie, Ken, Laura.
- Motion made by Laura to allocate \$700 from the FY23 budget to NEAS cover the balance of \$18,400 for 8 days of DASH. Debbie seconded, all approved: Stan, Debbie, Ken, Laura.

Additional Discussion

- Recap of Cyanobacteria testing and training by EPA held Saturday May 7, 2022: The event was a huge success. 36 people signed in for training. Demo stations were available including a mobile testing truck with 6 microscopes, and sampling kit and fluorometer. Fluorometer could be very useful this summer. There are tests that could tell us concentrations when Cyanobacteria is found. Have a future discussion about what would happen if tests are conducted this summer and who should be told (e.g. BOH).
- Lake Water Level Policy and Guidelines: Gary pointed out there isn't anyone identified as a backup for Josh (Conservation Admin) and that should be brought up to Conservation Commission and they might even consider two backups. Previously the Building Inspector was trained (e.g. Joe Kent) and used to back up Greg Meister.
 - Laura and Debbie will talk to Josh and Con Comm about this suggestion.
- Testing Sites: We looked at the planned testing sites and added two on Massapoag Ave across from #62 and #120 which both have drainage pipes, if flowing, can be added as test sites. Need update from DPW re drain pipes closed, still flowing into the lake.

Next Meeting: Laura will poll members not in attendance on potential meeting dates in June.

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm.