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Pond Management Committee
February 9, 2022
6:30 pm Town Hall Conference Rm 1

Agenda

Pledge of Allegiance

I. Call to Order

II. Approval of December 8, 2021 Minutes since didn’t have a majority vote

III. Update on Solitude Lake Management

. Details

IV. Update on Facebook page

. Email Status - Lou

.update reminding people about fall clean up not dumping in our ponds

Provide highlights to our meetings

V. update on department of wetlands and waterways

VIII. Discuss next steps for solitude and grant process

VIII. Adjournment

Minutes from February 9, 2022

Attendees:, Tricia Kwasiborksi, Judy Breault, Lou Tulik, Janis Santos, Elaine Hodgman, Jessica Viera, Julie Markiewicz

Unable to attend: Natalina Tulik, Tony Vital, Anna Vital,

I. Call to Order

Meeting began at 6:30 pm

II. Approval of December 8, 2021 Minutes

a. Judy made a motion to accept the minutes; Lou seconded the motion; all approved

III. Update on Solitude Lake Management

a. Judy emailed Brendan McCarthy from Solitude. He confirmed we are set for a Spring assessment as long as a contract is in place. Waiting for confirmation from Brendan if contract is in place. Becky Snyder is no longer with Solitude

i. Judy will reach out to Penny at Conservation Committee to discuss if they have signed a contract and if not, what are next steps. **Update since meeting:** Judy

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contacted Penny – there is no contract in place and no estimate was ever received. Once a contract is received, it will need to go through the Selectman's meeting and funding requested if there is a cost associated with it. Judy will work with Solitude to get contract, estimate and timing of assessment.

- ii. Judy will confirm which ponds are included in contract – Harris, Alden, Minnechog, Haviland, Murphy. We discussed what other ponds to include (possibly Red Brdige and Wood Pond) and may need to prioritize which ponds will be the first focus based on assessment
- iii. If no response from Brendan, Judy will use a contact who is friends with CEO of Solitude
- iv. Discussion on the activity on Haviland Pond this winter. Many people utilizing for skating and ice fishing. Activity has been seen on Harris as well as Minnechog

IV. Update on Facebook Page/email address

- a. Lou was able to get email address for the Pond Committee – LudlowPondcomm@ludlow.MA.USA
- b. Emails from pond committee need to be sent from this email address to eliminate any risk if people challenge or question any emails from pond committee. If emails are sent from personal email, that person's personal email would be in scope of any investigation.
- c. This email address will be added to the Town page – not sure on timing.

V. Article for the register

- a. Once we have news to report (Solitude assessment), we will draft an article and include the email address and reminder about fertilizer use. Possibly include a picture of the committee members.
- b. Julie will call Ludlow Boys & Girls club and Wilbraham YMCA about Lifeguard training for the upcoming summer for Haviland Pond to ensure the pond can open this summer.

VI. Update on department of wetlands and waterways

No Update at this time

VII. Adjournment

7:10 pm - Julie made a motion to adjourn, Lou seconded the motion

Next meeting scheduled for **March 9th at 6:30 pm – Town Hall – please respond to let us know who will be attending.**