

Please be advised that by Order of the Governor – Order suspending certain provisions of the open Meeting law, G.L. c.30A,20 which limits public access- Please feel free to view meeting via cable television as this meeting is broadcast live or via live stream. Instructions are on the town’s website. You can also access the meeting by audio by calling 1-617-758-8793. Questions can be sent via email to questions@ludlow.mas.us before or during the meeting and answer will be provided***

Pond Management Committee
March 16, 2022
6:30 pm Town Hall Conference Rm 1

Agenda

- Pledge of Allegiance
- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of February 9, 2021 Minutes
- III. Update on Solitude Lake Management
- IV. Update on Facebook/Register article
- V. Haviland Pond lifeguards
- VII. Guest members representing Minechoag pond issues
- VIII. Adjournment

RECEIVED
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE
2023 FEB 23 A 11: 17
TOWN OF LUDLOW

Minutes from March 16, 2022

Attendees:, Tricia Kwasiborksi, Judy Breault, Lou Tulik, Anna Vital, Elaine Hodgman, Jessica Viera, Julie Markiewicz

Unable to attend: Natalina Tulik, Tony Vital, Janis Santos

Guests: Bill Simmonds, Helana Santos, Jack Santos, Mike Langlitz

- I. **Call to Order**
Meeting began at 6:30 pm
- II. **Approval of February 9, 2021 Minutes**
 - a. Judy made a motion to accept the minutes; Lou seconded the motion; all approved
- III. **Update on Solitude Lake Management/Water and Wetland, LLC.**
 - i. Judy received information from Water and Wetland, LLC (notes sent to committee members) and a cost estimate was received for Phase I – Survey and water quality testing, which will be presented to the Selectmen for funding approval.
 - ii. Solitude has been slow in responding and other customers from Solitude have moved to other pond/lake management companies.
- IV. **Update on Facebook/Register article**
 - a. Judy will draft an article for the Register with updates on Water and Wetland services if we gain approval for funding

- b. We will include pictures of the ponds and will remind residents about fertilizer and grass clippings.

V. **Haviland Pond Lifeguards**

- a. Julie received information about lifeguard training at the Wilbraham YMCA and will post around schools and town offices. There is job posting for Lifeguards for Haviland which requires Water Front Certification. The committee discussed the cost for this training but agreed this is a matter for the Recreation Committee.

VI. **Guest Members representing Minechoag pond issues**

- a. Bill Simmonds presented pictures of Minechoag pond condition (very weedy and "mucky") along with a picture of storm run-off into the pond.
- b. There are two locations of storm run-off that feeds directly into the pond (763 East Street and 361 Chapin Street) which allows for road debris, salt, oil and trash to feed directly into the pond.
- c. Judy will contact Conservation Committee to inquire if they are aware of this situation.
- d. Other guests are concerned with the quality of the water and agreed the pond is not usable in the hot summer months. There is a great concern for any wildlife in and around the pond.
- e. This pond has been identified in the Natural Heritage database which indicates an even greater need to address the issues for this pond.

VII. **Adjournment**

7:37 pm -Elaine made a motion to adjourn, Julie seconded the motion, all approved

Next meeting scheduled for **April 13, 2022 at 6:30 pm, Ludlow Town**

RECEIVED
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE
2023 FEB 23 A 11: 17
TOWN OF LUDLOW