

LAKES & PONDS COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes – February 25, 2014

Members:

Todd Girard (<i>Town Official</i>)	Absent
Ziggy Waraszkiewicz (<i>Chairman</i>)	South Charlton Reservoir - Absent
Lori Fontaine	South Charlton Reservoir - Absent
Tim Moran	Baker Pond - Absent
Lisa Westwell	Charlton Heritage Preservation Land Trust
Jackie Nowak	Glen Echo - Absent
Frank Zappulla	Glen Echo
Andrew McMahon	Glen Echo
John Santos	Prindle Pond - Absent
Jack Josti	Pierpont Meadow Pond
Stanley Lewandowski	Pierpont Meadow Pond

Guests:

Diane Dabrowski (South Charlton Reservoir)
Nicole Giles (USACE/Bufumville)
Drew Anderson (cable access)
Ronald Wilmot (reporter www.charltonr.us)

Meeting called to order at 6:45 pm by Chairman pro tem, Andy McMahon.
Lisa Westwell - Clerk pro tem

Old Business:

1. Review of prior month's meeting minutes
2. Moorings/Docks/Floats/Piers – Bylaw Review
3. Status of Drawdown(s) – weed control
4. Activities (planned) update
5. Video/Powerpoint on cable for bylaw
6. Schedule Aquatic Weed Class

1. Meeting Minutes:

Motion by Stan to accept January 14, 2014 meeting minutes. Second by Lisa. Motion passed unanimously. November minutes are not available for review.

2. Moorings/Docks/Floats/Piers – Bylaw Review:

The Committee approved the proposed bylaw for the May 19, 2014 annual town meeting as presented by Attorney Cosgrove at the Jan. 14, 2014 meeting.

Motion by Lisa to approve bylaws as of 1-18-14 with Attorney Cosgrove comments. Seconded by Stan. Passed unanimously. Members will request copy of final bylaw from Todd for posting on webpage and confirm ok to post with Robin Craver, Town Administrator.

3. Status of Drawdowns/Weed Control:

a. Pierpont – no drawdown

b. Glen Echo – gate is closed due to faulty valve reported by Todd Girard. Valve repair can't take place until ice thaws. Docks and shoreline in danger of damage from ice.

- c. Prindle – no drawdown, no representative
- d. Baker – no representative
- e. South Charlton Res – no drawdown this year. Diane said lake looks good.
- f. Buffumville Lake – Nicole Giles from Army Corp reporting that 122 of the 200 acres of water at Buffumville Lake have milfoil. Federal biologist denied drawdown due to concerns for mussel migration.

4. Activities update

- a. Nicole Giles said that the Ice Fishing Day at Buffumville was attended by about 140 people and was very successful.
- b. Boating Safety Course – members would like to have one in the spring. Ask Todd to schedule.
- c. Tag-A-Trout – Drew believes this is a program where kids catch tagged trout for prizes. The members are interested in pursuing this event. Place on next meeting agenda for more discussion.

5. Video/Powerpoint on cable for bylaw

Drew Anderson from the Cable Access Channel 12 was in attendance.

- a. Bylaw: Drew will put a powerpoint presentation about the Bylaw on the cable access channel. Lisa will draft presentation to include mission of lakes and ponds committee, reason for bylaw, and Q. and A. for approval at next meeting (March 11, 2014). Voice over was suggested in lieu of video. Suggestions were made for “voice”. More discussion at next meeting.
- b. Activities: Drew is also available to video tape boating safety and/or aquatic weed class(es).

6. Aquatic Weed Class:

The members are interested in putting on this class. The committee discussed the possibility of posting pictures of the different aquatic species so the residents can distinguish between the good and harmful ones. Ask Todd to schedule.

Motion by Lisa to ask Todd to schedule Boating Course and Aquatic Weed Class. Second by Stan. Passed unanimously.

New Business:

- Suggestion was made for lakes/ponds representatives to bring a copy of their bylaws and/or courtesy boating regulations to future meeting to compare and discuss.
- Next meeting – Tuesday, March 11 at 6:30 pm.

A motion was made by Lisa and seconded by Stan to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.