

**LIA Board Meeting**

**Thursday October 24<sup>th</sup>, 6:00pm-8:30pm**

**Hinesburg Public House Community Room**

**MINUTES**

**Chris called the meeting to order at 6:25**

**Present: Chris, Roger C, Jack, Jane C, Chris, Shannon, Pat, Jeff, Roger J, Ernie**

**Absent: Bob, Marian, Jane M, David**

Chris & Jack reported on the Richmond Selectboard meeting at which Chris presented last week. LIA was well received.

**Review of minutes from September 2019 Meeting:** No corrections or changes. *Motion to approve by Roger C, seconded by Jane C. Passed unanimously*

**Review Financials from September 2019:** Discussion of how to request funds from towns that were allocated for current FY. Note that we will need to request funds for several herbicide applications over the next several years because DEC will now only allow treatment of only 40% of the lake each year.

Question about depreciation on the balance sheet. Roger J explained that he hasn't computed depreciation because we don't pay taxes so it's not really necessary. Question about a possible insurance claim. Roger J said If we would make an insurance claim, they would compute the depreciated value at that time even if we haven't computed depreciation previously.

Roger C said that it's time to start thinking about what the budget should be for next year. Let him know thoughts on this. Noted that we need to also include cost of possible ProcellaCor treatment.

*Motion to approve by Jane, seconded by Jeff. Approved unanimously.*

**Milfoil Mitigation Committee Review:** The committee had a conference call with Kara from Solitude just before this meeting. Cost to treat of our lake is estimated at \$40,000 for the first year but Kara will be laying that out for us. The milfoil group also discussed a number of questions with Kara. We'll be officially contracting with Solitude for this permit process. LIRD has been asked to be co-applicant on the permit. LIRD will meet on Nov. 12 to vote officially on doing this.

**Time Frame/Funding/Grants available for Mitigation/Controls:** Chris will be going to the towns in early December. Discussion of how much to request for next FY (FY21). Discussion of also going separately to the Richmond Conservation Commission to fund annual plant surveys every year for next five years.

*Motion to pay Solitude \$2000 fee plus additional fees incurred through the process. Jane C moved, Jeff seconded. Passed unanimously.*

Chris has been in communication with Misha Cetner at DEC about the the application process for the herbicide permit. Misha's reply is attached.

Chris noted that he has several volunteers not on board who are interested in working on the milfoil process.

**Report on Website Redesign:** Pat reported on the proposals received. Jane noted that it's important to invest in this kind of technology. The hope is that everything can be done on the web site. It is also part of the strategy for communicating about the milfoil removal. It's the one tool that carries our message and gives us a whole different outreach than we have had. As Chris notes, all his business advertising is done via web and social media. We can also set up donation/membership pages through an updated website which will be important as we go through the permit process. Jane and Shannon are willing to help with the website design

Discussion and vote on possible Budget for re-design. *Roger C moved to hire Ecopixel , Roger J seconds. Passed unanimously. With this motion payment of 50% upfront*

**Beebe Lane Project:** Shannon/Jeff: Preliminary design is almost finalized and have approved to proceed with final documents. Should be done in another month. Have applied for a grant to Lake Champlain Basin Program to pay for about half. Decision is expected in Feb. Concern about budget and about getting the rest of the funding so it may be necessary to phase in the project or they could go to the towns to help support the rest.

Jack has offered to cut buckthorns and for everyone he does it for they will make a donation to LIA.

**Greeter Program-Update:** Roger C reported that the final report is due in Dec. The statistical report is done but Roger and Bob are working on the report and plans for next year. Report needs to also include info on DASH. Jeff will send the DASH report to Roger C.

**200' Buoys:** Roger C reported that Dan and Jane have been taking care of the 200' buoys, placing and removing. Dan would like to pass this along to someone else to do. Roger J pointed out that we talked about this in the past – in May or June. One suggestion is that perhaps individuals who want the buoys should take this on. We are going to continue this discussion over the next several months.

**Meeting with Municipalities for future Funding/Communications:** Chris reported on the dates of selectboard meetings:

Met with Richmond on 10/21,

Meeting with Williston 12/3,

Hinesburg TBA - probably second week of December

Chris is planning to present the milfoil plan to them including that we'll be moving forward with the milfoil herbicide permit. Richmond paper has already called to interview Chris.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 with many thanks to the sponsor who provided the excellent appetizers.

**Next meeting: Nov 21. At 6 p.m. Location: in Winooski at Chris's condo. 60 Winooski Falls Way, Unit 1403**

*Submitted by P. Suozzi*