

**LIA Board Meeting Wednesday**

**December 11<sup>th</sup>, 5:30pm-7:30pm**

**MINUTES**

Present: Chris, Jack, Roger C, Jane C, Jeff, Ernie, Pat, Bob D (calling in)

Absent: Marian, Jane M., David, Shannon, Roger J.

**Review Minutes of 11/21/19:** move to approve: Roger C, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jeff. Motion carried unanimously

**Review Financials from November 2019:** tabled discussion – will review in January

**Review Actual Budget YTD Comparison & Projected Budget for 2020:** Add fundraising amount of \$1500. Remove \$30,000 from budget for Williston (this was conditional on previous herbicide permit which we didn't get) and reduce cost expense for homeowners manual from \$4000 to \$2000. Add \$200 to membership dues expense line – to consider additional memberships, e.g. Lake Champlain Chamber of Commerce.

**Motion to accept with changes:** Ernie, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jane C. Discussion: we don't currently know likely herbicide costs but we have \$40,000 in there now but it's a moving target because we don't have all the info right now. We may need to adjust the budget later. Motion carried unanimously

**Action item: Check into when community dinners were held**

**Milfoil Mitigation Committee Review:-Chris**

1. **Solitude Contract Review:** Milfoil committee made several changes: date for submittal will be January 2020 and add St. George onto property name where towns are listed. Jack will have attorney he knows review this if he can do so by Friday. Chris will sign and send check for the \$2000 for the permit application preparation on Friday with or without attorney review. There is an additional \$500 fee if Kara or Marc come to meetings here in person. We will be handling the required mailing of notifications that permit is being submitted to abutting property owners.

**Motion is to approve contract–** moved by Ernie, 2<sup>nd</sup> Roger C. Approved unanimously

**Motion to appropriate \$2000 to be paid to Solitude:** moved by Roger C, Jane C 2<sup>nd</sup>. Approved unanimously

2. **Application Process for Herbicide Permit:** Looking at mid-January to submit app for permit. Chris and other members of milfoil committee will be meeting with Kara (from Solitude) and Misha on Jan 8. Plan to use the herbicide in 2020.

3. **Volunteers for specific tasks** (to be completed by 12/31)

Addresses of property abutted collected and prepared for notification mailing – Jack (Pat will send him the Lake Iroquois property owner list)

Informational materials prepared for town selectboards - Pat, Chris

**Report on Website Redesign and LOGO redesign:** Looked at pdf, discussed design. Logo design: like the colors but think it's too abstract – general reaction – it's just a design, don't really get it. General feeling is that people like the old one a little better. Need something more current. Logo aims to set us apart –looking for something more relevant to the lake. It's pretty but don't really get it – maybe more watery, more shape of lake? Is logo most important piece? What if use the initials in some way? Maybe use LIA in some form? We'll look at using LIA. Anyone with ideas, send them before noon tomorrow.

**LCBP Web Design Grant Application:** Shannon & Pat are working on finalizing this

**Lake In Crisis Designation:** Jane C.: 3 criteria: invasive, toxicity, lessening property values. Must meet all three criteria which we don't. We will be meeting with new Lakes and Ponds Program Manager Oliver Pierson when meet with Misha and Kara on Jan 8

**Greeter Program:** Bob D: Final 2019 grant report – all has been submitted to Williston and Shirley will be submitted to DEC in the next day or two. Due by Dec. 31.

**Grant for 2020** – app will be due in mid-Feb. Bob D and Roger C will be writing this. Due Feb. 15, 2020. App process should straightforward. we can request funds for herbicide and/or DASH as well as for greeters. Note that we can only treat 40% of the lake in any one year – this includes herbicide, DASH, benthic barriers so need to consider this when working out plan for summer 2020. Jim Johnson will be greeter manager again for 2020. He'll also be continuing with LIRD.

**Benthic Barrier Permit 2020:** with this 40% limitation, we will not be using benthic barriers this year if we get the herbicide permit.

**Revision needed of The LIA Homeowners Handbook** and Water Quality Education: Jack possibly but will take this up after January. This could be a grant opportunity.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

**Membership/Donation mailing letter:** Jane C will take care of this. Pat will print the mailing labels and get them to her. Chris has the envelopes and will get those to Jane as well.

**ProcellaCOR:** Dave Horn sent a report that this herbicide is very safe – “safer than eating table salt”, will not cause birth defects nor does it have any other toxicity. Says it's a great product. Good info is also on the EPA.gov website that is very clear and easy to understand.

**Hinesburgh Public House Fundraising opportunity:** Alec Dziurzynski (now owner of Pubic House?) lives on Shadow Lane and wants to help out the lake. Proposing dinners for 4 Sundays in January. We would get 10% of all take on food and alcohol. We'll need to have people there to welcome people. They will create a banner that they will leave it up for the month and we could create a kiosk in the restaurant for the whole month. Volunteer greeters: Jack & Chris on Jan 5, Bob D on Jan 12, Jane C on Jan 19, Jeff on Jan. 26. Pat can do later dates. Marian also volunteered

**Next meeting:** Next meeting Thursday, Jan. 9 at Ernie's office

**Adjourned:** Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m. with a Bob D riddle