

Lake Iroquois Association Board (via Zoom)
Minutes
May 13, 2020

Present: Chris, Roger C., Bob D., Shannon, Ernie, Marian, Jeff, Jane C, Pat

Absent: Dave Horn, Roger J, Jack

Chris thanked all for willingness to come together on short notice.

Review Minutes of 02.06.20: Motion to accept: Jane; 2nd: Bob D. Carried unanimously
To note in minutes: March 19 meeting was cancelled due to Gov order

Financial Reviews

Financial Report: All looks OK.

Budge v. Actuals (Roger C): Noted that website redesign was slightly over budget due to logo redesign. Town allocations: Richmond requested an invoice so they can send us the \$1000 allocated. They already paid \$3200 that they had approved for the plant survey. Williston: just need to invoice Rick. Shirley sent email and Bob D forwarded to Roger J about any expenses. Could we ask the towns for the allocations for greeters? Marian noted that Pete is donating his time for storage and transport. That will be part of in-kind for the grant. Pete will let Bob D know his approximate hours and other expenses for in-kind calculation.

Motion to accept both reports: Jane; 2nd Bob D. Carried unanimously

Action Item: Roger J – as treasurer – should write to towns requesting the funds to cover the greeter program, boat wash. Include an invoice with the letter: should count costs of Jim’s time to get washer up and running, cost of parts, etc. for washer, training time for all as well.

Discussions:

Greeter Program (Bob D):

DEC will be letting us know fairly soon how much we’ll be funded this year. They have given us the green light to open on Memorial Day weekend. Have 3 greeters returning from last year and Jim will be managing program again but this will be his last year. Also, concern that F&W aren’t providing portalets. Noted that it’s \$112/month from P&P septic with clearing every Tuesday. Issue for F&W is the problem of cleaning/sanitizing because they feel that they have to be cleaned twice a day due to the virus and the health department requirements.

Noted:

- If we provide a portalet, could it be locked when greeters aren't there. Also, greeters would have to wipe it down several times a day.
- Greeters will have to have gloves and masks plus hand sanitizer or water and bleach. Chris can get gloves for them.

Action items: Bob D will check with F&W if we could be allowed to place a portalet at the access if we pay for it. Chris can supply gloves. Pat has source for masks

Beach Status (Jeff):

LIRD haven't yet decided what will happen. They are meeting next week to decide what to do. There is the same issue as at the access in terms of bathroom. Staff hiring is also on hold. There is a concern that even if beach is "closed" people will be using the beach anyway.

Action Item: Jeff will let all know what is going on with beach when LIRD makes a decision.

Milfoil Permit (Chris):

Need everyone's participation. Stuff hit the fan this past week. Received request from town of Williston requesting LIA representative to attend their May 19 meeting. The opposition has requested time that day to present their objections and Erik Wells (Asst Town Manager) asked LIA to be present to respond. Misha Cetner of DEC will also be there. Jeff will be attending. Chris will be attending also (Pat will be back up if Chris can't attend). We expect these will be the same opposers as those that appeared in Hinesburg at the May 6 SB meeting.

Noted:

- We should be concentrating on Misha, Oliver, DEC. Williston and Hinesburg SBs are not decision makers on this.
- Need to be careful about not getting emotionally involved. Already done a presentation with Town of Williston and present the same again.
- Discussion of what happened at Hinesburg SB May 6 meeting. Concern about Phil's speech at end of discussion at that meeting. Many kudos to Chris for his calm and professional performance at that meeting..
- Noted that Steve and Meg were not ever asked to step down from the board and in fact, they were asked not to. Also, noted: vote was taking in Nov. 2015 but permit app was not submitted until Nov 2016. There was a full year in which the two in opposition, who were still members of the board never asked for a reconsideration or to bring forward a motion asking for a delay or anything like

that. Nor have any of those come forward in the several years since the denial to offer to help with the other remedies that they believe would solve the problem.

DEC public meeting: May 27 4:30 to 6:30. We'll post on website and FB and send out on email list.

Noted

All need to submit letter to DEC and to editors.

Also need to be contacting as many people as possible who will support to write letters and and also to come to public meeting.

Action Items:

Jeff will send Kurt (from the rowing club) a request to send in a letter of support.

Pat will send out announcement on email and post to website

Other business

LaRosa Grant (Shannon): Funding has been cut for this so no tributary sampling this year.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Submitted by Pat Suozzi