

LHA board meeting

January 20, 2017 Thank you Bobbi for use of your house

Attendees: Bobbi, Bill, Bob, Gene, Penny, Cathy M., Kathy S., Tim

Guest: Joe

Treasury(Kathy): balance \$16,679.32. Payments have been made for CSLAPP (\$470), NYSFOLA, 3 insurance policies

Apparel(Bill and Bob): Bob will bring what we have left to fish derby tomorrow and it will continue to be discounted. Debbie L. is not interested in doing apparel. A discussion was held about an interest for better quality hats/t-shirts and possibly a less diverse inventory. Also discussed was the use of an Internet order business.

Lake Management(Joe): A discussion was held on a recent DEC grant program for combatting invasives. It appears to be primarily available to lakes with public access.

To Do: Bill will contact Robin to research if Hadlock would fit any of the qualifiers.

Joe reported on the Lake Alliance conference. It is apparent again that we benefit greatly by being a park district with the ability to tax. Most lakes have little funding. Many of the conversations concerned thinking larger: water sheds, joint efforts.

The Town of Fort Ann Board passed the 2017 park district budget. It includes funding for the mechanical harvesting , hand harvesting with AIM, and a paid lake manager. Joe's original salary proposal for this position was rejected so Joe successfully renegotiated the budget and salary.

Joe wrote the lake manager job description and it went to civil service as a non-competitive position. It has been posted with a deadline of February 13.

Joe has been in communications with AIM. The company is excited to work for Hadlock and feels that a great deal can be done to control milfoil. Everyone needs to understand that there is a large financial commitment for the next 3-5 years in order to be successful. Upper Saranac which is much larger than us is now under control.

Hand harvesting by individual property owners can be done for 1000 square feet. Only milfoil can be harvested.

To Do: This information needs to be given to property owners.

All benthic barriers with the exception of 7 have been removed. These 7 will remain because their removal would have a negative impact. Joe/town, APA, and DEC continue to work on the permit process for barrier installation. It will likely involve two permits : the town and DEC. APA has jurisdiction in less than 6 feet of water and DEC has more than 6 feet. Bill pointed out that the town owns the lake bed and does not understand how DEC can give a permit to a property owner for land that does not belong to that owner.

To Do: Once the permit process is clarified, communicating the process will need to be done . It is hoped that the town will take the lead in this.

Membership(Penny): A mailing will be developed once again for May.

Communication(Bill): A discussion was held on increasing communications to property owners. Bill suggested a newsletter be mailed periodically. Some felt that this would be too expensive. The effectiveness of the website was discussed. Information does not change often. The data base of email addresses was discussed again. Bill used it 3 times last year to communicate with. It was sent to everyone in September (except Kathy M. ) to review membership with. All property owners are on it and emails were received by either through membership forms and/or a 2014 town request . 54% of property owners have working email addresses on this list.

To Do: Bill will send this data base to Joe. A further discussion needs to be had about the 46% not reachable by email.

Meeting adjourned.