

TOWN OF SAINT GERMAIN LAKES COMMITTEE

Chair – Ted Ritter

Co-chair – Lee Holthaus

Alma/Moon

K. Beier
D. Zielinski

Big St. Germain

M. Deets
J. Penkalski

Found

R. Gawrys
C. Thier/D. Kloepfer

Little St. Germain

T. Best
K. Stofflet

Lost

J. D'Amico
B. Wissing

Chamber

R. Watson

LAKES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES January 6, 2004

Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm in the Red Brick Building.

Committee members present: Dave Zielinski, Ken Beier, Mike Deets, Jim Penkalski, Ron Gawrys, Chuck Thier, Ken Stofflet, Bob Wissing, Ted Ritter and Lee Holthaus. Tom Best, Dick Kloepfer, Jim D'Amico and Rich Watson were absent.

Ted Ritter shared proposed correspondence he had drafted in response to requests from the Muskellunge Lake Association and the Found Lake Association for WDNR lake grant application letters of support. Muskellunge Lake is hoping to develop a comprehensive lake management plan and Found Lake intends to create exotic species educational brochures. Motion by Ron Gawrys, second by Mike Deets to approve the letters of support. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Mike Deets, Ken Stofflet and Ted Ritter commented on each of the four proposals that had been received for the aquatic plant inventory study being considered for town lakes this coming summer. The four firms to have submitted proposals were N.E.S. Ecological Services of Oneida, WI, Blue Water Science of St. Paul, MN, White Water Associates of Amasa, MI and Applied Ecological Services of Brodhead, WI. Questions were answered about each of the proposals. The most important aspects of each were the scope and costs of the proposed project. After conclusion of discussion, Ted summarized the findings of the people who had reviewed the proposals and recommended that N.E.S. be selected as the firm to contract with. Motion by Chuck Thier, second by Jim Penkalski to accept the N.E.S. proposal. Further discussion lead to the suggestions that the agreement with N.E.S. include clarification that the reports, charts, etc. generated as part of this project become the property of the Town of Saint Germain upon conclusion of the project and that N.E.S. confirm that they are adequately bonded and insured for any situation that might develop during the course of conducting the lake work. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Ted called upon representatives from each of the lake organizations to confirm that each group had met and discussed whether their lake organization wishes to participate in this project. All lakes had done so and all lakes had chosen to

participate. A representative from each lake group then signed a letter of support which committed them to a cost share of up to the following amounts:

	SHORELINE MILES	% OF TOTAL SHORELINE	BASED ON SHORELINE
BIG SAINT (incl. Fawn and Content)	11.96	31	\$2,689
LITTLE SAINT	14.26	37	\$3,210
LOST	4.82	12	\$1,041
FOUND	3.86	10	\$868
ALMA/MOON	3.84	10	\$867
TOTAL	38.74	100	\$8,675

These costs are based on a total project cost of \$33,350, a 50% grant award and a contribution of \$8,000 from room tax funds allocated to the Town Lakes Committee. A 75% grant award would allow a reduction of the per lake contribution and/or the room tax funds contribution. In the meantime, each lake has committed to a cost based on a 50% grant award. Each lake group representative confirmed that the funds which they have committed to are currently available and can be transferred to a town managed bank account upon confirmation of a grant award by the WDNR in April.

Prior to concluding the meeting, discussion was raised about the liability of a lake group and/or the town if a boater was to suffer a loss due to striking an unmarked navigational hazard in a lake that had been marked in accordance with town and WDNR authorization requirements. Ted promised to seek an opinion from the Wisconsin Towns Association.

The next meeting of the committee will be at 7:00pm, February 24, 2004 in the Red Brick Building.

Meeting adjourned