



Town of St. Germain Lakes Committee



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Meeting minutes, April 22, 2019

1. **Call to order:** Meeting was called to order at 9:00am.
2. **Open meeting verification:** Meeting was properly posted on April 12, 2019
3. **Roll call, confirm quorum:** Members present: Harold, Schwartz, Steinhilber, Zielinski, Klingsporn, Anderson, Schell, Schultz, Rollman, Ritter.
4. **Approval of February 28, 2018 meeting minutes:** Motion Schultz, second Steinhilber to approve minutes as prepared. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
5. **Reports from 2019 Lakes Convention:** Schell was the only committee member to have attended the 2019 convention. He reported there were over 700 attendees for the opening day. In addition to attending many break-out sessions, Bob was able to meet one-on-one with:
 - a. Carroll Schaal, WDNR, regarding upcoming NR193 which will create a new comprehensive surface water grant program. Whereas the initial draft of NR193 excluded using grant funding for I-LIDS cameras, a recent change in the draft removes that exclusion. It appears I-LIDS cameras will continue to be eligible for AIS Prevention & Education grant funding pending final approval of NR193 provisions.

- b. Carol Warden, University of WI – Dept. of Limnology (also works part time for WDNR on the Vilas County Surface Waters grant team), regarding overcoming hurdles with the NHAL Forest management team's objection to installing I-LIDS cameras on NHAL landings.
 - c. Laura MacFarland, recently appointed replacement for the Northern Region Grant Coordination position vacated by Jane Malischke, regarding the numerous grants recently awarded to either the Town or lake organizations within St. Germain.
 - d. Carolyn Scholl, Quita Sheehan and Catherine Higley of the Vilas County Land & Water Conservation Department regarding needed support for the work of the Town Lakes Committee.
6. **Update on NHAL restriction on surveillance cameras:** Ritter reported he had attended a meeting with NHAL Forest managers at which Carol Warden was also present. Topics discussed included:
- a. Carol Warden acknowledging that our I-LIDS grant application had not been processed in accordance with established DNR procedures. It should have been funded. The challenge of our getting NHAL approval to install the cameras is a real problem, but not one on which denial of the grant should have been based.
 - b. Ritter asking Carol Warden to secure a copy of the alleged decision by DNR legal staff in 2018 stating there can be no presumption of privacy at a public boat landing, therefore the State has no concern with the legality of placing I-LIDS cameras at State boat landings.
 - c. Carol Warden agreeing to use her 2019 summer staff to collect comments regarding public acceptance or opposition to the I-LIDS cameras already in operation on NHAL landings within the Town of Plum Lake.
 - d. Consensus at conclusion of the meeting was that the summer of 2019 will be used as an opportunity for NHAL staff to become more familiar with, and therefore hopefully more comfortable with, utilization of I-LIDS cameras within the NHAL Forest.
7. **Discuss utilization of Town funding:** After reviewing the irregular history of Town financial support for Comprehensive Lake Management Planning projects throughout the Town, and acknowledging that such planning is in the best interest of the Town regardless if state grant funding is awarded at the Town or local lake level, and acknowledging that each of the lake groups having voting privileges on the Town Lakes Committee is currently at some stage of developing an updated, grant funded, Comprehensive Lake Management Plan, motion Schell, second Schwartz to distribute \$22,200.00 of the \$25,000.00 provided by the Town to the Lakes Committee for calendar year 2019 expenses equally to each of the five lake groups representing voting membership on the Committee with the provision that the \$4,400.00 be used by each lake organization specifically to offset some of the local cost share for grant funded Comprehensive Lake Management Planning projects currently under way, regardless of whether state grant funding was awarded to the individual lake organizations or to the Lakes Committee. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Ritter confirmed that this action does not preclude lakes having 2019 expenses for management of invasive weeds being eligible for 20 per cent reimbursement of those expenses up to \$10,000.00, as per past Committee practice.

It was also the consensus of the Committee that the \$8,000.00 budgeted for 2019 installation of I-LIDS cameras be held in the event a DNR grant for cameras is awarded next year.

8. **Lake updates:** Ritter summarized recent WDNR Surface Water grant award categories as follows:
- a. Lost Lake District: 2019 AIS Established Population Control grant awarded in addition to previously awarded AIS Early Detection and Large-scale Lake Planning grants.
 - b. Found Lake Association: 2019 AIS Early Detection grant
 - c. Alma/Moon Lake District, Found Lake Association: 2019 Large-scale Lake Planning grant awarded to Town
 - d. Big St. Germain Area Lakes District: 2019 Large-scale Lake Planning grant awarded to Town
 - e. Little St. Germain Lake District: No recent grant awards but approaching finalization of previously awarded Large-scale Lake Planning grant.

Anderson shared information regarding Lost Lake District considering acceptance of transfer of dam ownership from County to Lake District.

9. **Consider another email outreach message:** Committee agreed to May 18, 2019 deadline for each lake organization to submit information to Ritter for May 23 email outreach.
10. **Set date and time for next meeting:** Tuesday, June 18, 2019, 9:00am
11. **Adjourn:** All business having been completed, meeting was declared adjourned at 11:00am.

Minutes prepared by Chairman Ritter

PENDING APPROVAL