



# Town of St. Germain Lakes Committee

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## Meeting minutes - June 01, 2021

1. **Call to order:** Meeting was called to order by Ritter at 10:00am
2. **Confirm meeting posting:** Posting in accordance with Town Board procedures on May 24, 2021
3. **Verify a quorum in attendance:** Ritter conducted the meeting virtually from Room 4 of the St. Germain Community Center.  
 Committee members physically present in Room 4: Zielinski, Klingsporn, Waisbrot, Guckenber, Schell, Schultz, Rollman. Steinhilber arrived just before adjournment of the meeting.  
 Committee member attending virtually: Vogel  
 Also present in Room 4: Dawn Schmidt - Vilas County Zoning Administrator, Tom Schwartz - Little St. Germain Lake, Ed Kindlarski - Found Lake.
4. **Approve minutes of May 3, 2021 meeting:** Motion Schell, second Klingsporn to approve as presented.  
 Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
5. **Discussion/action topics:**
  - a. **Conversation with Dawn Schmidt, Vilas County Zoning Administrator, regarding: 2020 Lakes Management Plan:**

**Management Goal 7: Work with Local Governmental Agencies to Increase Enforcement of Existing State, County, and Town Boating, Fishing, and Shoreland Development/Disturbance Laws on the Town of Saint Germain Lakes |**

**Management Action 7b: Meet with Vilas County Zoning to discuss methods for detecting and responding to shoreland development/disturbance violations.** Following a period of questions and answers with Dawn, motion Waisbrot, second Schultz to consider engaging an independent third party to conduct annual on-water shoreline

observations and report findings of potential shoreland zoning violations to the Committee for review before requesting follow-up action by County Zoning. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

- b. **Update from Tony Waisbrot on town fishery management plan:** Tony and the Fisheries Management Plan project participants (Tony Waisbrot – Alma/Moon, Tom Schwartz – Little St. Germain, Jim Guckenberg – Lost, Ed Kindlarski – Found) will meet today to discuss next steps now that these four lakes have submitted statements of concern.
- c. **Review Town Lakes Committee financial status:** The second half payment for installation of the Found Lake I-LIDS camera is being processed by the town clerk. The Found Lake Association has submitted payment for its portion of the installation. With installation now completed, we can consider submitting our grant reimbursement request. All of these expense and income figures are reflected in the current/projected financial status. There has been no other income or expense activity since the May meeting of the Committee.
- d. **Status of Found Lake I-LIDS camera:** Thanks to Jimmy Vogel for his donation of time and equipment to prepare the site for the camera foundation. Schell reported the camera installation is complete and the camera and announcements are working as designed. Public response has been positive so far. No video recordings have yet been reviewed.
- e. **2021 location of CBCW trailer:** Ritter announced the town board has approved placement of the trailer on town property in front of Hearthside through mid-October. Schell will coordinate moving the trailer to that location and locking the wheels.
- f. **Changes in Fish & Wildlife Club receipt and distribution of town room tax receipts for lakes improvement projects:** Ritter reported no progress on this to date, however a meeting of Ritter, Christensen and Schell is pending.
- g. **Enforcement of boating laws:** No action to report.
- h. **Portable toilets at St. Germain lakes boat landings:** No response received to Ritter’s email to C. Dalton of the NHAL management team regarding placing of toilets at boat landings such as has already be done at Big St. Germain and Found Lakes. Ritter will follow up and report again at our next meeting. Committee members commented that the portable toilets placed at Big St. Germain and Found lakes are handicap accessible.
- i. **Committee coordination of the distribution to resorts , motels and other rental properties of Four Steps to Improve Lakes refrigerator magnets:** Ritter offered his opinion that tourists who bring boats to St. Germain fall into one of two categories. The majority of boaters are courteous, understand the laws and abide by them. The balance of boaters don’t care about boater courtesy or boating laws and wouldn’t pay attention to refrigerator magnet messages. It appears the magnets are available for printing at a cost of \$0.50 each. Further discussion led to the unanimous consensus that the Committee should not invest in the magnets. However, perhaps we should consider redistributing the Vilas County Boater Courtesy Code. Ritter agreed to place the courtesy code flyer on the next agenda for consideration.
- j. **Committee participation in the 2021 Town Business Directory:** Tom and Kim Christensen decided not to produce a 2021 directory.

**k. Access by lake organizations to printed copies of the pending Found, Alma/Moon and Big St. Germain management plans:** Onterra has confirmed the project budget does not include any printed copies of the management plan. When the plan is approved by the WDNR, the final plan will be made in electronic format only. Suggestion by Schell that we ask Onterra to prepare a brief, summary version of the plan as it pertains to each lake. Ritter responded we can consider that when the plan is finalized, which may be quite some time yet.

**l. Committee concerns for discussion at future meeting(s):**

1. Follow-up on “engaging an independent third party to conduct annual on-water shoreline observations and report findings of potential shoreland zoning violations to the Committee to the Committee for review before requesting follow-up action by County Zoning”.
2. Portable toilets at boat landings
3. Re-distribution of Boater Courtesy Code
4. Boating laws enforcement
5. Lakes Partnership webinar topics review

**m. Set date and time for next meeting:** July 13, 2021 - 10:00AM

**6. Adjourn:** There being no other topics on the agenda, Ritter adjourned the meeting at 11:14AM

Minutes prepared by chairman Ritter