



Town of St. Germain Lakes Committee

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Meeting Minutes – July 13, 2021

1. **Call to order:** Ritter called meeting to order at 10:00am
2. **Confirm meeting posting:** Agenda was posted in accordance with town board procedures on July 6, 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: Kosnik, Vogel, Steinhilber, Zielinski, Waisbrot, Guckenber, Schell, Rollmann, Ritter
 Committee member attending virtually: Heeler
 Also present in Room 4: Warden Chris Bartelt, Jim Harold from Big St. Germain Lake, Tom Schwartz from Little St. Germain Lake, Ed Kindlarski from Found Lake, Len Larsen from Alma/Moon Lakes
4. **Discussion/action topics:**
 - a. **Conversation with WDNR Wardens Chris Bartelt (Warden Supervisor) and Justin Bender (Recreation Warden) regarding:**
2020-21 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 7a: Meet with the local WDNR Warden Supervisor to develop a plan for increasing State Boat Patrol presence on the Town of St. Germain Lakes.

Warden Bartelt explained the WDNR grant funded Municipal Water Safety Patrol Program and

answered question from committee members. Details of the program are available on-line at dnr.wisconsin.gov/Topic/Boat/PatrolGrant. Committee members were generally enthusiastic about the potential for this program to place credentialled law enforcement officers on St. Germain lakes to enforce local and state boating laws with 75% of the cost to be reimbursed by the WDNR. Ritter encouraged all members to discuss this with their lake organization officers ASAP and to put the program before the lake district property owners at each of the upcoming lake district annual meetings. Without those approvals there is no chance of this program being implemented in 2022. Ritter will also begin discussing the program with the Town Board in preparation for the Town fronting 75% of the costs, all of which will be reimbursed to the Town at conclusion of the project.

- b. Approve minutes of June 01, 2021 meeting:** Motion Schell, second Vogel to approve with clarification of agenda item 4c that we may not be eligible to apply for our grant refund, as stated in the minutes, until after the multi-year project is completed. Schell will seek clarification from the WDNR. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
- c. Update, Ritter, enforcement of shoreland disturbance/development plan:** Ritter has asked both Onterra and NOVA Ecological Services (NES) (consisting of Mike Meyer and Jim Kreitlow, both formerly of WDNR) if either firm might consider providing annual shoreline observation services on St. Germain lakes to detect potentially inappropriate shoreland developments or disturbances. Both declined due to the potential for that service to not be well received by their clients and therefore harmful to their businesses. However, NES explained a program they are offering which provides a baseline, one-time photo snapshot of every parcel on a given waterbody. Doing this study on St. Germain lakes could cost approximately \$100,000 and take a year or more to accomplish. Surface Water grants might reduce the local cost share to 25%. However, having this baseline information doesn't eliminate the need for ongoing shoreland observations. The consensus of the committee was that we are not in need of these studies, but rather in need of observing the shorelands for inappropriate developments/disturbances. Len Larsen hinted that he might be interested in providing that service. Ritter responding by promising Larsen that if he develops and submits a service proposal, the committee will certainly consider it. No further action was taken.
- d. Update Waisbrot, town fishery management plan:** Waisbrot's group has submitted preliminary thoughts to WDNR Fisheries Biologist Erik Wegneiter which prompted a positive return phone call from Wegneiter. While to process is still in the very early stages, Wasbrot optimistically reported a positive working relationship with Wegneiter. More to come.
- e. Changes in Fish & Wildlife Club receipt and distribution of tax receipts for lakes improvement projects:** Ritter explained the intent of Town Resolution SG-21-06-01 adopted June 24, 2021. The Town is now waiting for the Fish & Wildlife Club to transfer its restricted lake account funds back to the Town and lake organizations to enable the Town Treasurer to create the appropriate accounting before transferring the Town's 2021 promised \$5,000 to the account.
- f. Review Town Lakes Committee financial status – I-LIDS Camera grant reimbursement:** Schell brought to the Committee's attention that the Town might not be able to request final reimbursement of grant expenses until the multi-year project is concluded due to the planned depreciation of the camera. Schell will contact WDNR personnel for clarification.
- g. Update, portable toilets at St. Germain boat landings:** Ritter reported that portable toilets could possibly be installed at the Northern Highland American Legion Forest landings on Lost and Little St. Germain Lakes if the Town were to enter into land use agreements with the NHAL and pay all costs

associated with the toilets. The Town's requirement is that the lake organizations pay the costs. Each of those districts are encouraged to discuss this with their electors at the upcoming annual meetings. The Town will move forward with the land use agreements if the lakes, one or both, will cover the costs.

- h. Discuss redistribution of Boater Courtesy Code:** Committee members will put together a plan for distribution and a cost for reproducing to be reviewed at a later meeting.
 - i. Lakes Partnership webinar topics:** Each lake organization is encouraged to be aware of the topics covered in the webinars and review them as appropriate. The Committee will promote the webinars in a future outreach message.
 - j. Set date and time for next meeting:** Tuesday, August 10, 10:00an
- 5. Adjourn:** There being no other business to conduct, Ritter declared the meeting adjourned at 11:56.