



Town of St. Germain Lakes Committee

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| | Committee chairman: Ted Ritter ted.ritter@stg.town | | |

Meeting minutes, 10/20/2022

1. **Call to order:** Meeting called to order by Ritter at 10:00AM
2. **Confirm meeting posting:** Agenda was posted on 10/13/2022 in accordance with Town Board procedures
3. **Verify a quorum in attendance:** Meeting was conducted by Ted Ritter in Room 4 of the St. Germain Community Center with a virtual option. Committee members physically present in Room 4: Joe Koschnik, Don Baumann, Roy Seidl, Jeannie Lord, Barb Steinhilber, June Vogel, Tony Waisbrot, Eric Eade, Bob Schell, Kay Schultz, Ted Ritter (Chairman). Len Larsen attended virtually.
4. **Public comments:** There were none.
5. **Discussion/action topics:**
 - a. **Approve minutes of September 15, 2022, meeting:** Motion Schultz, second Steinhilber to approve as presented. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
 - b. **Reconsider Waisbrot 09/15/22 meeting agenda item 5b:** Motion Schell, second Eade that Ritter prepare a draft letter, to be reviewed by the Committee at its meeting, explaining to the Vilas County

Sheriff and the WDNR District Warden Supervisor the history of the Committee's failed attempts to implement a St. Germain Boat Patrol and to emphasize the Committee's ongoing concern for inadequate safety patrol presence. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

- c. **Consider drafting a Town/Lakes Committee resolution asking the DNR for more Warden dedication on St. Germain lakes:** Motion Vogel, second Waisbrot that Ritter prepare a draft resolution, to be reviewed by the Committee at its meeting. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
- d. **Consider providing watercraft rental businesses with a modified version of WI Boating Laws flier:** Schell and Lord will develop a plan to be presented for review at the Committee's next meeting.
- e. **Review/discuss recent water quality findings:** Consensus following discussion was that each lake organization is responsible for its own water quality monitoring and obtaining periodic result summaries, often from Onterra. It would be appropriate for the Committee to track and summarize those results to capture a town-wide trend in water quality. No action taken beyond discussion.
- f. **Explore additional methods for sharing lake information:** No action taken.
- g. **Continue review/discussion of the "enhanced wake" issue:** Schell explained this topic is being discussed state-wide. WI Lakes will likely provide guidance regarding local actions in coming months. Schell will continue to update the Committee and action will be considered by the Committee when appropriate.
- h. **Fisheries management plan status:** Waisbrot reported that retired Vilas County WDNR Fish Biologist, Steve Gilbert (a St. Germain resident), is making himself available to assist current Biologist, Eric Wegleitner, with consulting St. Germain lake organizations regarding fisheries management. There are no plans at this time to develop the town level comprehensive fisheries management plan sought by the Committee.
- i. **Review status of Facebook page / authorize additional page content:** Eade reported the page now has 146 followers and is being updated with additional information pulled from the Committee's webpage library, the Vilas County Land & Water Department website and other sources of information available for public use. No specific page content suggestions were authorized by the Committee.
- j. **Approve lakes improvement spending requests:** There were none.
- k. **Committee concerns for future agendas:** Nothing beyond continuance of current topics.
- l. **Next meeting:** The Committee agreed it will not meet in November. Next meeting 12/15/2022.
- m. **Adjourn:** Ritter adjourned the meeting at 11:17AM.

Minutes prepared by Chairman Ritter