

June Board Meeting – 6/16/15, McSherry Library, 7:00 pm

Present: Peg Galluppi, Jill and Larry Partridge, Stewart Davey, Laurie Andri-Amis and Bob Lamoureux

Minutes were read and approved from the May, 2015 meeting with no revisions or corrections.

Bob then preceded to explain that Debbie Scholes resigned as secretary and he thanked her for her efforts over the past year. An e-mail was sent out to residences and Stacey Hares express interest in the secretarial position. Tony Galluppi, treasurer also sent in a letter of resignation. He will stay on as secondary treasurer and give the primary treasurer responsibilities to Larry Partridge.

Dean Erck was introduced and he gave a presentation on the Alexandria Bay Town board and their comprehensive plan for the Town.

- The comprehensive plan identifies a list of items the town wants to accomplish in the future. Example: the town of Lake George has developed a comprehensive plan that allows them to get grants and fund programs for the lake. This is based on a points system.
- Dean has read our website and is very impressed with it. He uses Goose Bay in the winter for fishing. He has asked Mr. Honeyman to contact us regarding Goose Bay and helping us save the Bay and be part of the comprehensive plan. This plan has guidelines for future projects.
- The plan has a score card point system which takes into account the economic health of the area and environmental and historical issues that will increase our chances of getting money. ie: Battle of Cranberry Creek – 1812 and state park .
- Thousand Island regions over the last several years has gotten money for Clayton and Sackets Harbor – yet by leaving out Goose Bay we will not be eligible for any funding. We need to get on the comprehensive plan so we can get points to help save the Bay. If we can, also work with Jefferson County and we can score more points.
- Dean gave us a copy of the plan which Stewart took to read.
- There is environmental money in the state's budget. Goose Bay has public support, we have done research and leg work and have worked with fish and wildlife. We need to contact Mr. Honeyman, Mr. Sweet, Mr. Wills and Mr. Stein and be included in the Town's comprehensive plan.
- The GBRC needs to contact Phil Reed (State Representative) and put political pressure on him, along with the Town Board. Dean will help with us in our cause to save Goose Bay.

Bob thanked Dean for his input and turned the meeting over to Bob and LouAnn Scraider regarding the boat launch monitoring program at the Goose Bay Town Ramp. A disposal area was supposed to be made for boaters to clean their boats of weeds before leaving the area. Jill stated that Mr. Durand was working on one for the town. A sign was put up to educate boaters about cleaning their boats, emptying their bilges and taking all weeds off fishing lines and trailers. Bob Scraider is scheduling two dates in the summer to educate people regarding cleaning and removing weeds and how important it is for the environment.

Bob talked about the status of the DEC permits, Notice of Intent which we had to file 5 days before application. The day of application the winds were under 10 MPH so Rob Freese, from the DEC, gave the go ahead. We originally wanted to do 100 acres but were allowed to only do 40 acres. Bob stated this is a milestone for the

area because it has never been done on the St. Lawrence River. Because the bay doesn't have an outflow the permit was granted. We have a wetland permit for 3 years and hope to treat next spring if money allows. The grant money from Senator Richie was used along with money from the GBRC savings account. We need to fill out all paperwork again for next year and hopefully if we get enough money we can treat more acres on the south end of the bay. Weed mapping will be done again along with the re-mapping of the treated area.

The DEC wanted large yellow signs with black letters. The treatment area was buoyed off for easy recognition for boaters. We received 6 inquiries about water and the effect on swimming and drinking. People were concerned about their wells but the DEC had a geologist study the area and it was determined that the herbicides would not contaminate any land water.

Cost for this project: Flow study = \$4,746, Weed mapping = \$500, Renovate = \$23,060 (162 bags at 40 lbs. per bag), Licensed Applicator = \$7,500 (includes permits, final maps and application). Right now we have expenses of \$33,000 (not including the sampling and mailing of overnight samples – which have to be done once a week until all requirements are met by the DEC .

We are testing in 3 areas (the treatment area, the Goose Bay boat launch and at the mouth of the bay). Overnight shipping cost is \$50.50 plus \$110 per sample for testing a total of \$380.50 per week. First week we had to do 3 samples (24 hours, 72 hours and then weekly for a cost of \$1,242). This testing will be done until we meet the criteria established by the DEC. Once the criteria is met all signs will come down. Results are available on the website.

It was mentioned for us to contact Channel 7 news, the Watertown Times and the TI Sun. A letter for yearly dues and requests for additional funding from homeowners will be mailed later this month. If we don't get support from the Goose Bay residents we may not be able to treat the rest of the 100 acres in 2016.

The meeting was opened to questions, which consisted of someone wanting to know why the south end was treated, what about water depth, how far will the herbicide travel, how do you track progress. We wanted to treat the wetland areas first because our permit is for 3 years. Also, the depth of the water is important (renovate will go farther in shallower water). The plan is to treat the south end then come down the shore line if the weed mapping indicates that is where the concentration of milfoil is. Bob explained that John Farrell from ESF had students come to the bay last year to evaluate the weeds. The south end was chosen because of the concentration of the milfoil, the depth of the water and the prevailing south west winds. If we treat the north end, the winds would send the milfoil to the north end, and it would reseed itself. Residence will have to monitor the treated area and pull the milfoil by hand around docks (or invest in beniffic barriers and a group should be set up in each area to monitor and pull the milfoil once it reappears.

Fundraisers: Laurie talked about the fundraisers going on for 2015. Boat tour set for June 27 leaving from Goose Bay, includes music, snacks and lots of fun. There is also a raffle going on for great prizes (kayak, shrink wrap with boat storage, i-pad, muskie fishing for 4, grill and much more. Contact Laurie or Pam for tickets and helping with the raffle. It was mentioned that we could make money by selling knives at our fund raisers. Information was left with Laurie.

Meeting adjourned 8:45 pm. 1st Jill second Pam