

Tom Olson

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Van Vliet Lake Association Board of Directors Meeting May 14, 2005

Board Members Present: Tom Olson, Jill Wilm, Nancy Frank, Jeff Burke, and Jim Sprester
Others Present: Jorja Burke, Steve Frank, and Matt Pachi

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:15 AM by President Tom Olson. The agenda was altered to accommodate a conference call with Steve Smithson.

2. Management Plan Report

Tom read a summary progress report from Steve Smithson. Steve then joined the group via a conference phone call. The following topics were covered:

A. Septic Systems

Jeff Burke reported on the work he has done on this part of the plan. He will list/summarize the information he has gathered and forward this to Steve.

Together, they will summarize all the information they have thus far and send it to Steve McComas of Blue Water Science. He will then be asked to formulate conclusions based on the information and write recommendations. Jill will also write a letter for the next newsletter.

A lengthy discussion was held on the difficulty of gathering accurate information because of incomplete historical records, on the confusion over misleading terms (i.e. conforming/non-conforming), and on the feasibility of septic and soil testing.

B. Wildlife Survey

People are asked to send all information to Jill Wilm. She will compile and summarize it.

C. Van Vliet Hemlocks

Tom reported that some legislation had reportedly been proposed at the state level concerning the BLPL (Board of Commissioners of Public Lands-controlling agency for the Van Vliet Hemlocks), but at this point, any implications were not known. Tom will look into it and keep people informed.

D. Fishing

Steve Smithson said that Steve McComas was having difficulty getting enough information on the fishery. Tom will

contact the DNR; Jorja Burke will check on fishing tournament records; and Steve will check with Wycliff. This will be forwarded to Steve McComas. It was also decided to ask him to write his comments on fish migration between Van Vliet and Presque Isle Lakes.

3. History Report

Jim Sprester reported that he has been working on the history portion of the report, but that it is taking a long time. He asked for any information, pictures, etc. that may be of help.

4. Rezoning Report

Jeff Burke reported that the survey results from the last mailing remained about the same and were overwhelmingly in favor of rezoning.

He said that the rezoning process was lengthy and involved, including all or several of the following: getting placed on the Town Zoning Board Agenda; having two or three speakers present the information/request; referral to the Town Board; referral to the County Board, etc.

Jeff will try to request getting on the July agenda of the Town Zoning Board.

5. Bylaws

Jill Wilm reported that it has been nearly impossible for the committee to meet due to geographic reasons, but that they will try to meet and have a report for the Annual Meeting. It appears there will not be time for action at that time on a full formal proposal since the timelines will not be able to be met (i.e. meeting of the committee, a proposal to the Board, action by the Board, preparation of a formal proposal, etc.).

6. Treasurer's Report

Nancy Frank reported that \$550 in dues had been collected from 24 households as of 5/13/05. There is a balance of \$2912.75 as of that date in the regular account. There is also \$4200 in the Lake Management Fund Balance.

7. Annual Meeting

It was decided that the Annual Meeting should consist of the following: election of Board Members, a report on the Lake Management Plan, a report on rezoning, a report on the Van Vliet Hemlocks, and the customary reports (Treasurer's Report, etc.)

8. Newsletter

Items for the upcoming newsletter were discussed. Among those items were the following: Annual Meeting Notice, Board elections, membership and voting criteria explanations, rezoning, requests for historical information, membership request and form, and any other pertinent and timely articles.

9. Other Business

It was suggested that the Lake Association sponsor a summer social event-no business-just a chance to socialize and get to know our neighbors better. It was tentatively planned for the Labor Day Weekend.

The meeting was adjourned at 1 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jim Sprester
Association Secretary