

SELECTBOARD SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 21, 2016

ATTENDANCE: Selectboard: Tim Makepeace, Tammy Holcomb, Paul Woodruff Jr.; Lake Saint Catherine Conservation Fund: Bill Frye, David Emmions, Bob Short, Bill Steinmetz, Joel Pliner; Lake Saint Catherine Association: Frank Callahan, Phil Pope, James Canders; Jonas Rosenthal, Poultney Town Manager; Perry Thomas Phd, State of Vermont; Kevin Moffit and Herman & Carol Higgins, Town Residents

Meeting was called to order at 5:05pm by Chair Tim Makepeace.

Meeting was turned over to Perry Thomas PhD who is the Lakes & Ponds Coordinator. Introductions were made between all.

Discussion ensued on Aquatic Nuisance Report.

Perry stated that no permit application has been received for dredging and that the state discourages dredging and is now looking at modified alternatives called hydro-raking. This is a mechanical arm that goes into the water to retrieve goods. There is no permit application yet but one is in the works.

The existing aeration project was granted due to it being an experimental project per Perry. She stated normally wetlands are not allowed the aeration due to unaware of side effects of using them which raised the questions from the audience of when the Little Lake was deemed a wetland! There was nothing ever stated in the project about it being a wetland when approved. Perry stated more defined definitions of a wetland were done in 2010. However, Perry did state that the aeration project seems that it will be a positive result by 2018.

The Interpolated Depth Measurement project presented by Perry was not well received. Many members in the audience felt the numbers were inaccurate and was questioning why they were never notified when the state came down to do the measurements so that a few of them could have gone on the boat as well. Perry commented that she is just delivering a product done by experts

Perry stated the next step would be mechanical harvesting.

State wants us to form a committee to meet monthly or quarterly to work together to reduce the muck in the lake and ensure the removal of the plants in the lake stay removed. Implementation meeting will be lead by Tim Makepeace, selectboard; James Canders, LSCA and Bill Steinmetz, LSCCF.

Perry will also bring back the concern of the sunken dam as a safety hazard.

Tammy Holcomb made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:31pm, seconded by Paul Woodruff Jr. Motion Passed 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Holcomb