

## LAKE QUINSIGAMOND COMMISSION

Wednesday, April 27, 2016

Old Selectmen's Room, Shrewsbury, Municipal Office Building

Present: Chairman, P. Collins, K. Polito, M. Paika, Jordan Powers

Absent: A. LeDoux, J. Dumas ; Cpt. Steele, J. Wilson , S. Valliere

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m

Chairman noted no quorum, just informal discussions

Commissioner's reports:

Chairman reported, he & M. Paika went before Grafton Selectmen and Finance Committee- to be put on their budget as an warrant article for their approval of monies apportioned per Town (\$35,000) . Committee was very appreciative & supportive of this commissions work to date.

b. Discussed Burns Bridge signage- need Speed Limit (40 mph at day & 20 mph evening) and a new "No Towing Under Bridge" signs. Discussed a "new" speed sign to be posted at Corrazzini Boat Ramp.

A new No Wake Zone sign- under the bridge proposed.

Both MA DOT and Middlesex Corp. earlier agreed to assist with posting of these signs

c. Currently the dam gate is being replaced. Completion expected by end of summer.

Request for this commission to check water level prior to wakeboarding event.

M. Paika - Re-iterate the importance of financial assistance for lake maintenance.

b. Please DO NO FEED the geese, and noticed more lake activity

Chairman: welcomed the commission's newest member, Mr. Jordan Powers, (member of Worcester Conservation Commission). Replacing Stefanie Wood.

Shrewsbury Police S. Valliere: absent

Worcester Police Cpt. Steele: absent

Shrewsbury C.C. K. Polito: Since last year, this commission discussed problems on Coast Guard Island, and a No Trespassing sign was to be posted. A lot of trash, litter, broken glass, etc. Discussion followed noting this area is used frequently by the public. Commissioner Polito will inquiry if this is conservation land & determine signage enforcement? No sign to date

b. A boat including motor is submerged under water in front of 246-248 S. Quinsigamond Avenue; left there all winter long.

Chairman will investigate.

Grafton Comm. J. Wilson: absent

Commissioner Dumas: absent

Chairman LeDoux- vacancy

Old Business: Chairman , stated that this year- No treatment of the lake & will forward the actual 5yr lake plan to the commissioners

P. Diggins: The larger races will begin this Saturday

M. Paika : suggested to postpone discussion of LQC authority to next meeting.

b. Buoy installation- hold until next month, since Officer Valliere is absent. Commissioner Paika stated that the buoy in Half Moon Cove is in.

Barbara Kickham, LQ Watershed Association: Noticed at the Corazzini Boat Ramp, a new wooden sign installed by Fish & Game (posting area) There is room to include the lakes speed limits.

b. On Earth Day, we had three individuals who cleaned Oak Island

c. Next scheduled meeting is May 18<sup>th</sup> at the Regatta State Park. 6-7:30pm. On the agenda, we need a secretary, and someone to assist with monthly newsletter.

M.Paika thanked Barbara for the cleanup and encouraged more participants to join in

J.Powers commented that in Worcester, a connection or partnering with local schools bringing in younger folks has worked quite well and to consider next year.

Chairman encouraged everyone to join the Watershed Association, (membership is \$25.00/yr) and is a great community opportunity.

Mark Portundo inquired if there is a speed limit under the bridge?

Response- yes Chairman reiterated the need & propose a no wake sign for safety.

b. Noticed a new fishing area under the bridge

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Ms. Suzanne St. De George, rep. from Worcester Telegram & Gazette, proposing Dragon Boat Race & festival, a friendly & family all day, oriented event for August 13<sup>th</sup>. It's our 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary- partnership with United Way to raise funds. Dynamic Company from Tennessee, rents the boats to organizations.

- 4-6 boats, 25-40 teams. The company does supply a professional steerer for safety, and each team member wears life vest.

- This festival will be held at Regatta Park serving food, music and variety of activities for children. Racing will be held all day, (racing done by 3:00pm) clean up by 5o'clock.

- No closing of the lake.

- Plan to contact large local corporations for involvement & partnering participants. Each boat or team consists of 16 people or max 21. Cost per team would be between 1 to 2 thousand dollars. Includes medals, shirts, souvenirs, etc.

- Dragon Race Flyer was circulated to all commissioners for review.

Discussion followed, permits needed, race pattern, insurance, etc. Date of event was a concern. August 13<sup>th</sup>, is a week before the Masters nationals, suggested to move their date to September 10<sup>th</sup>. (One week after Labor Day). To consider Sept 17<sup>th</sup>; ongoing is a Boat parade, & the Antique Woodies Boat show. Continue discussion and to add on next month's agenda.

Questioned: how do we increase fees or how to raise additional monies. Examples: add stickers or additional boat fee; State to educate or to add a licensing program.

Thank you for attending. 7:55pm

Respectfully submitted,

K.Hemmerdinger