

**Cedar Meadow Lake Watershed District
Minutes of Management Committee Meeting
October 14, 2021**

The meeting commenced at 7:40 PM on Zoom Conference Call (Meeting ID: 847 867 563; PW: 126054)

In attendance: Tommy Lee, District Chairman
Rich Carr, District Vice-Chairman
Brian Waterman, Member
Terry O'Coin, District Treasurer
Michele Cospers, District Clerk

Minutes of Previous Meetings

The previously distributed minutes of the September 16, 2021 meetings were offered for approval. A motion was made, seconded, and voted unanimously to accept the minutes.

Clerk's Report

See attached memorandum dated October 14, 2021 for Clerk's report of communications for the period of September 16, 2021 to October 14, 2021 .

Treasurer's Report

A Treasurer's Report dated 10/14/21 showed that the District had \$695,836.45 on deposit at Cornerstone Bank. Of this amount, \$589,731.62 was deposited in the money market account containing betterment payments. The report shows no deposits. The report shows one interest payments of \$121.00. The general funds checking account contains \$44,203.84. The reports shows no deposits. The reports shows three payments of (1) \$1,012.75 to Mirick O'Connell for legal fees, (2) \$5,907.00 to Braley & Wellington for the insurance premium, and (3) \$54.28 to Michele Cospers for the cost of the legal ad for the tax classification hearing. The dam stabilization account contains \$60,733.11. The report shows one interest deposit of \$1,167.88 was in the stabilization account. Mr. O'Coin requested and was granted approval for Warrant 239.

FY2021 Tax Payment Update

92 proprietors pay tax to the District. 73 proprietors have paid in full (\$24,143.20 / 81 %), and 18 proprietors have paid half (\$4,384.12). 1 proprietor has not paid (\$20.35). Therefore, ~95% of tax payments have been collected. Payments are due in February and May, so this collection profile is inline with past years.

FY2020 Betterments Update

Payments were due in the Fall of 2020. 93 proprietors were assessed betterments by the District. 13 proprietors opted to prepay; 24 betterments were paid off due to early payoff or home sale; and 1 proprietor completed all payments on schedule. Therefore, 55 proprietors are still making betterment payments. 60 proprietors have paid in full (\$83,547.48, 96.8%), and no proprietors have paid half. Therefore, 99.0 % of betterment payments have been collected. 2 proprietor has paid none, which reflects 2.0% of the betterment payments expected. This payment profile is better than past years.

FY2021 Audit

Mr. O'Coin will scheduling the year audit in the coming weeks.

Old Business

Lake Clarity & Level Management Update

The lake is down about 2-1/2 to 3 inches below the spillway. The lower gate will be opened on November 1 to start the fall drawdown process. The District has 1 month to lower the lake level. The water appears to be quite murky at this time. There is noticeable algae in the water along with fanwort stem and other weeds floating in the water.

Dam Maintenance

The dam crest will be mowed one last time prior to the winter season.

A leak was heard and noted in early October 2020. After analysis by Lenard Engineering, it was concluded that the leak is confined to the cap, and it the same leak that we have noted previously. His suggestion is to the leave the leak alone for now since it not on the face of the dam. The leaking and dripping noise has also disappeared as the water was drawn down giving further evidence that the leak is from the top of the spillway. Since it is the concrete cap where the leak is located, the leak is not detrimental to the structure of the dam. The leak will need to be addressed, but it is not an immediate concern. Mr Lee will ask Lenard about remediation items to do to keep the dam in good condition; such as packing voids with dirt and planting grass in the Spring.

Land Acquisition

The second round of letters were mailed. The District Clerk is checking the mailbox to determine if any of these letters get returned.

Executive Session

The meeting was not recessed to go into executive session.

Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Management Committee was scheduled for 7:30 P.M. on Thursday, December 9, 2021 by Zoom Meeting.

Adjournment

A motion was made, seconded and voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:53 P.M.

A True Copy Attest:

Michele M. Cospers, District Clerk

**Cedar Meadow Lake Watershed District
Memorandum**

Date: October 14, 2021
Subject: District Communications
To: Management Committee
From: District Clerk

District Clerk Michele Cospers reported the following communications for the period of September 17, 2021 to October 14, 2021. This memorandum will be attached to the October 14, 2021 Management Committee Meeting minutes:

- 9/17 District Clerk submitted Legal Ad for Tax Classification Hearing to the Worcester T&G
- 9/27 Review of cost for insurance premium over the last 8 years
- 9/30 Mr. Lee sent returned letters back to Mirick O'Connell
- 10/4 Mr. O'Coin scheduled Compliance Review with USDA
- 10/6 Mr O'Coin sent copy of Legal Ad for Tax Classification Hearing
- 10/8 Clerk sent draft of Fall newsletter out for review
- 10/12 Agenda submitted and posted to the town board
- 10/13 Mr. O'Coin sent Warrant for 10/14 meeting
- 10/13 District Clerk at Mr. O'Coin to post July 2021 ESS Report to Website