

**Cedar Meadow Lake Watershed District  
Minutes of Management Committee Meeting  
June 9, 2016**

The meeting commenced at 7:38 P.M. at the Leicester Town Hall in Meeting Room #3.

In attendance: Tommy Lee, District Chairman  
Terence O'Coin, Treasurer  
Thomas Forsberg

**Minutes of Previous Meetings**

The previously distributed minutes of the May 12 & May 19, 2016 Management Committee Meetings were offered for approval. A motion was made, seconded, and voted unanimously to accept the Minutes.

**Clerk's Report**

See attached memorandum dated June 9, 2016 for Clerk's report of communications for the period 5/13/16 through 6/9/16.

**Treasurer's Report**

A Treasurer's Report dated 6/09/16 showed that the District had \$362,749.99 on deposit in the Spencer Savings Bank. Of this amount, \$245,926.65 was deposited in the money market account containing betterment payments. Of the remained, \$115,697.92 was in a general funds checking account, and \$1,125.42 was in the stabilization account. Mr. O'Coin requested and was granted approval for Warrant number 196 which included our third USDA payment.

*FY2016 Tax Payment Update*

We received a check this week in the amount of \$20,697.29 including a FY15 payment in the amount of \$674.35. Out of 92 proprietors, 74 have paid in full (81%), 5 have paid half (5%) and 13 have not paid (14%). Total collections to date is \$33,728 with approximately \$6,000 to be collected.

*FY2016 Betterments Update*

93 proprietors owed betterment payment (Green Mountain Club is included). 13 proprietors have pre-paid, 7 have been paid off in full. Therefore, 73 proprietors are making betterment payments: 68 (93.2%) proprietors have paid in full, 1 (1.4% / \$754) proprietors have paid half, and 4 (5.5%) proprietors have paid none. Total FY16 collections thus far is \$111,785.60 (97%) with reaming \$3,423.48 (3%) to be collected. The payment profile is in line with the timing of collections.

**Old Business**

*Weed Control & Treatment*

ESS Group completed their spring 2016 pre-treatment aquatic plant survey. The report (District Permanent File: W07-0516-5) reveals that the treatment of fanwort and milfoil in the designated treatment areas in Cedar Meadow Lake was highly effective in reducing exotic plant cover and bio-volume for that year. ESS recommends treating 4.2 acres of variable-leaf milfoil in the lake using Reward and to continue mapping aquatic plants in the lake each spring. After some discussion it was agreed that we would not treat the lake this year with Reward. The committee feels comfortable with the effectiveness of last year's treatment and would like to take a season off from treatment. There was also some concern over the potential for another algae bloom due to the treatment should the summer be hot and dry similar to last year. It was agreed that we would map the lake again in the spring of 2017. The 2016 pre-treatment aquatic plant survey will be posted to our website and will be communicated via social media.

#### *Lake Level Management Update*

On March 9, the upper channel was closed by installing the flash boards and the lower gate valve was opened 1/4 to simulate Spring brook conditions as specified in the Order of Conditions (R95 - 1015 - 18). The lake was 9 inches above the spillway (zero) water mark, and the lower gate remains 1/4 open. On Monday 6/2/16 the lower gate was closed and the lake was at its normal mark of (zero).

#### *Rawson Street Bridge Replacement*

The District Clerk will keep in touch with the Town Offices regarding the presentation of the Bridge plan by MADOT to the Town Selectmen.

### **New Business**

#### *Summer Newsletter*

It was discussed that we would publish a summer newsletter. Topics to be included in the newsletter was the vote on purchasing the land behind the dam, summer boating safety reminder, ESS mapping finding, water ski club and no phosphorus lawn fertilizer reminder.

#### *Email Communications from Mr. Hobson.*

Tommy Lee shared emails from Mr. Hobson dated 5/22, 5/28, 6/3 and 6/7 with the committee. The emails expressed concern from Mr. Hobson regarding the lack of proper signage on the dam to keep people off of the dam. It was discussed that we would immediately install a sign on the gate on Charles Street. There is some concern with respect to dam integrity if we install sign posts into the top of the dam and in addition these signs would need to be removable in order to service the dam with vehicles. It was also noted that installing signs on trees would be trespassing as the land behind the dam is currently not our property and the access to the dam from the Charles Street gate is a right of way and installing signs on this right of way is not currently authorized. It was agreed that the sign on the Charles Street gate would be a good addition to the existing signage on the fences and gate house and that other sign locations will be reviewed with our tree cutting plan forthcoming in the fall/winter of 2016. The District will send Mr. Hobson a letter following up with his concerns regarding this matter.

#### *Chapter 30B Section 16 Compliance with Settlement Agreement.*

Consistent with our executed settlement agreement the Management Committee must determine that the land behind the dam is unique. Discussions took place regarding the uniqueness of the property below the dam. It was determined that the land behind the dam, legally described as parcel 28 A18 0 by the Town of Leicester Assessor, by deed from Central Water District Company, Inc. to Mr. Shea dated February 29, 1988 recorded

with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 11201, Page 80, is considered unique to the district due to its location to the dam allowing the District unobstructed access to maintain the dam and protect life and property downstream. A motion was made, seconded, and voted unanimously to consider the property described above unique.

The management committee will file this notice with the central register as required by MGL Chapter 30B, Section 16.

### **Next Meeting**

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Management Committee was scheduled for 7:30 P.M. on Thursday, August 11, 2016 in Room 3 at the Leicester Town Hall.

### **Adjournment**

A motion was made, seconded and voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:09 P.M.

A True Copy Attest:

Michele M. Cospers  
District Clerk

**Cedar Meadow Lake Watershed District  
Memorandum**

**Date:** June 9, 2016  
**Subject:** District Communications  
**To:** Management Committee  
**From:** District Clerk

District Clerk Michele Cospers reported the following communications for the period of May 13, 2016 to June 9, 2016. This memorandum will be attached to the June 9, 2016 Management Committee Meeting minutes:

- 5/18 Email exchanged between District officials regarding District Treasurer regarding materials for Annual Meeting
- 5/25 Email exchange between District Clerk and Mr. Forsberg regarding success of Annual Meeting
- 5/28 Email exchanged between District Clerk and Proprietor Mr. Radzik regarding a lost boat and the communication of this information to the District.
- 5/30 Notification of lost boat sent to Proprietors on Electronic communication distribution list. Notification was also posted to FB and tweeted on Twitter.
- 6/6 Weed Mapping Report from ESS Group was distributed to the Management Committee
- 6/6 Mr Lee send 2016 - 2017 Action Plan / 2015 - 2016 Summary of District Activities to District Clerk
- 6/8 Management Committee Materials were distributed & items for the warrant were collected