

**Cedar Meadow Lake Watershed District  
Minutes of Management Committee Meeting  
August 11, 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

Paul Dufrense, District Vice-Chairman  
Michele Cosper, District Clerk

**Minutes of Previous Meetings**

The previously distributed minutes of the June 9, 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 August 11, 2016 for Clerk's report of communications for the period 6/10/16 through 8/11/16. Signs were placed on the Charles Street Gate and area of the dam. The signs seem to stopping trespassing on the dam. The District will send the invite to the Paddle and Poker Run noting that this event is a District Management Committee event but rather a neighborhood block party/event.

**Treasurer's Report**

A Treasurer's Report dated 6/09/16 showed that the District had \$302,868.84 on deposit in the Spencer Savings Bank. Of this amount, \$252,254.36 was deposited in the money market account containing betterment payments. The report shows a deposit of \$6,131.34 and two interest deposits of \$97.36 and \$89.91. Of the remained, \$49,498.16 was in a general funds checking account. The report shows a deposit of \$20,967.29 from FY16 tax collections. The report shows payments of \$82,398.25 to the USDA, \$32.09 reimbursement to the District Clerk; \$2,900.00 to Marsh & McLennon; \$525.00 for the Treasurer's Bond; \$106.00 for the USPS Box; \$20.21 reimbursement to the District Clerk; and \$1,185.50 to Mirick O'Connell. \$1,125.42 was in the stabilization account. Mr. O'Coin requested and was granted approval for Warrant number 197. Payment 3 of 40 was made to the USDA.

*FY2016 Tax Payment Update*

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. Although algae was observed in the mid summer, the water is beginning to clarify. Since the water clarity is improving, treatment of algae will not be performed at this time. The Fall newsletter will remind proprietors to use phosphorus free fertilizers and minimize storm runoff into the lake. Hopefully these steps will keep nutrient levels within the normal range.

#### *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). In early August the lake was down 8" mostly due to the evaporation to high temperatures, sunshine and a lack of rain.

#### *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**

##### *Permanent File Storage*

The District Clerk will move permanent file storage boxes to Mr. Tommy Lee's property. The boxes will be kept up on shelves in his basement. The District Treasurer will also move the financial permanent files to this location also.

#### **Executive Session**

The meeting was recessed at 8:20 to go into Executive Session to discuss outstanding litigation in the form of a complaint from Raymond E. Shea, Jr. through the law firm of Army and Lee demanding payment of \$100,000 for flooding land below the dam.

#### **Next Meeting**

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Management Committee was scheduled for 7:30 P.M. on Thursday, September 8, 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 8:45 P.M.

A True Copy Attest:

Michele M. Cospers  
District Clerk

**Cedar Meadow Lake Watershed District  
Memorandum**

**Date:** August 11, 2016  
**Subject:** District Communications  
**To:** Management Committee  
**From:** District Clerk

District Clerk Michele Cospers reported the following communications for the period of June 10, 2016 to August 11, 2016. This memorandum will be attached to the August 11, 2016 Management Committee Meeting minutes:

- 6/10 Email exchange between Proprietor Radzik and District Clerk regarding finding owner of first lost boat.
- 6/13 Email exchange with Mr. Lee regarding the District Filing with the central registrar.
- 6/13 Email exchange between the District Clerk and the District Treasurer regarding invoices received
- 6/15 Notification sent electronically to Proprietors electing e-distribution regarding a lost paddle boat.
- 6/17 District Treasurer changed the District mailing address with the USDA
- 6/24 Annual Meeting minutes were published to the District website.
- 6/25 Email exchange between Mr. Lee and Proprietor Mrs. Malabanan regarding dock rehabilitation.
- 6/25 Email exchange between Mr. Hobson and the District Clerk regarding the signage at the dam area
- 6/27 Email exchange between District Clerk and Mr. Lee regarding changing storage location of District Permanent files
- 6/27 Response from Mr. Josh Gardner regarding signs posted at dam.
- 6/28 Proprietor Jim Brandt reported a lost paddleboat. A notification was sent to Proprietors subscribed to electronic communications
- 6/16 Letter by USPS sent to Proprietor Mark Hobson regarding signage around the dam
- 7/5 Proposal of Neighborhood / "lakehood" block party by Proprietor Joanne Rose
- 7/14 Email exchange regarding disturbance over geese on the lake
- 7/18 Email from Mr. Hobson regarding weeds growing near his shoreline
- 7/18-7/25 Email exchange between management committee and ESS Group regarding algae in the lake
- 7/19 Summer Newsletter send by USPS or email to Proprietors.
- 7/20 Question from Joanne Rose regarding Lake Block Party / Paddle Poker Run. (Note: This a neighborhood party - not a District Management Committee hosted or sponsored event)

- 7/25 Notification that Mr. & Mrs. Joncas' son passed away.
- 7/26 Call regarding "Lakehood" block party from Tameka Dancy. District Clerk returned call and replied to her concerns.
- 7/27 Email notification from Mr. Lee that no trespassing signs were placed in the area of the dam
- 8/3 Mr. Forsberg passed on that Indian Lake is closed and being treated for algae.
- 8/4 Email exchange from Proprietors Joanne Rose regarding planning meeting for "Lakehood" Block Party.
- 8/7 Proprietor Joanne Rose sent flyer for "Lakehood" Block Party. Committee will review.
- 8/8 Mr. Lee signed a requested SOV and returned to Braley Wellington by email.
- 8/9 Inquiry directed to District Clerk regarding Cedar Meadow Skiers - message was forwarded to Jon Moisan, President of the Ski Club.
- 8/10 District Treasurer was notified that Colleen (from the Tax Collector's Office) passed away unexpectedly in July.
- 8/10 In Sunday Real Estate Edition of T&G, Mr. O'Coin noted that Tara Moore sold 27 Rawson Drive for \$254,000 to David and Amanda Sheehan.
- 8/11 District Clerk saw that 15 Fairview Drive has been listed for sale at \$145,000.