

**Cedar Meadow Lake Watershed District
Minutes of Management Committee Meeting
March 10, 2016**

The meeting commenced at 7:32 P.M. at the Leicester Town Hall in Meeting Room #3.

In attendance: Tommy Lee, District Chairman
Michele Cospers, Clerk
Terence O'Coin, Treasurer

Minutes of Previous Meetings

The previously distributed minutes of the February 11, 2016 Management Committee Meeting were offered for approval. A motion was made, seconded, and voted unanimously to accept the Minutes.

Clerk's Report

See attached memorandum dated March 10, 2016 for Clerk's report of communications for the period 2/12/16 through 3/10/16. At the recommendation of proprietors, a District Facebook page will be set up.

Treasurer's Report

A Treasurer's Report dated 3/10/16 showed that the District had \$304,426.52 on deposit in the Spencer Savings Bank. Of this amount, \$272,466.80 was deposited in the money market account containing betterment payments. Of the remained, \$28,628.10 was in a general funds checking account, and \$1,125.42 was in the stabilization account. This report showed no deposits to the general checking account. This report showed two payments with the general checking account to Mirick O'Connell for legal fees in the amounts of \$1919.50 and \$286.70. In the Betterment Money Market account, two deposit are shown: (1) \$15,913.92 in betterment collections and an interest payment of \$105.81 was shown on the 3/10/16 report. The report shows no activity in the Stabilization Account. Mr. O'Coin requested and was granted approval for Warrant number 193.

FY2016 Tax Payment Update & FY2016 Betterments Update

The tax bills went out in February. There has no update in the collection of FY2016 taxes.

There has no update in the collection of FY2016 betterments. 93 proprietors owed betterment payment (Green Mountain Club is included). 13 proprietors have pre-paid, 6 have been paid off in full. So, 74 proprietors are making betterment payments: 51 proprietors have paid in full, 15 proprietors have paid half, and 8 proprietors have paid none. The payment profile is in line with the timing of collections.

A motion was made to transfer \$2500.00 from the Reserve Account (5007) to the Legal Account (5004). The motion was seconded and voted unanimously.

Old Business

Weed Control & Treatment

In a memo dated March 3, 2016 (Permanent File: W05 - 0316 -2) from Mr. Carl Nielsen of ESS Group to Mr. Tommy Lee, Chairman of the District Management Committee, the current recommendation and proposal is:

- Map the aquatic weeds to determine the level of fanwort and milfoil regrowth. ESS Group will make recommendations to the District if targeted treatment with diquat or sonar pellets is necessary.
- Map native plants throughout the lake to determine if they are colonizing the areas previously occupied by the non-native fanwort and milfoil. Colonization by native plants is the desired outcome.
- Assess water quality, including the algae community, to identify the risk of an algae bloom. ESS Group postulates that no bloom will occur in Summer 2016 unless there are hot and dry conditions similar to Summer 2015. An algae bloom is influenced by the conditions each year in the lake, and there is little carry-over from year to year. However, being alert to conditions in the lake and responding to them is the best way to avoid a future algae bloom.

A motion was made accept ESS Group's Proposal #16019 for 2016 Pre-treatment Aquatic Plant Survey at a quoted cost of \$2900.00 (Permanent File: W06 - 0316 -2). The motion was seconded and voted unanimously.

ESS Group has confirmed they will speak at the Annual Meeting to address the Summer 2015 weed treatment and algae levels.

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 19 inches below the high water mark.

Dam Inspection

The District Chairman is the process of scheduling a meeting at the dam with Lenard Engineering and RH White to start a plan of action & potential quote(s) regarding recommendation for dam maintenance that resulted from the dam inspection. The District received a Dam Safety Certification of Completion from the Office of Dam Safety. This certificate has been filed with the District Permanent Files as R96 - 0216 - 7. Mr. O'Coin will post the certificate and report to the District website. Mr. Lee will contact R.H. White regarding fixing several of the minor issues cited in the dam inspection report.

New Business

Annual Meeting Preparation

Thursday, May 19, 2016 is the date for the Annual Meeting. The District Clerk will distribute the pertinent documents for review and discussion at the April 14, 2016 meeting.

A newsletter will be drafted, sent to the Management Committee for review and sent to proprietors by the end of March. The March 2016 newsletter will include:

- A save the date for the Annual Meeting
- A notification that the dam is closed
- A reminder of the Boating / swimming regulations set in the MA Boater Safety Handbook
- A notification that ESS group will be presenting at the Annual meeting regarding Summer 2015 weed treatment and algae levels
- A notification that positive headway has been made on acquiring of the land below the dam

Rawson Street Bridge Replacement

Phil Stiles sent a letter to the District for review regarding the proposed design of the new Rawson Street Bridge. His major concern was that the walkway on the proposed bridge would promote unwanted fishing, swimming and diving in this area near his property.

Mr. Lee will also send a letter requesting that the MA DOT will keep the District updated and to inform us when their officials are meeting with town official regarding the bridge replacement.

Executive Session

The meeting was recessed at 8:30 P.M. 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, April 14, 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 8:36 P.M.

A True Copy Attest:

Michele M. Cospers
District Clerk

**Cedar Meadow Lake Watershed District
Memorandum**

Date: March 10, 2016
Subject: District Communications
To: Management Committee
From: District Clerk

District Clerk Michele Cospers reported the following communications for the period of February 12, 2016 to March 10, 2016. This memorandum will be attached to the March 10, 2016 Management Committee Meeting minutes:

- 2/20 Email from District Treasurer with a Betterment Collection Update
- 2/21 Email from Josh Gardner request bathymetry map of the Lake. Response was not made because the Management Committee is not familiar with a Josh Gardner, and he did include a reason for his request.
- 2/25 Email from Proprietor Tom Frisinger regarding boat launches around the lake.
- 2/25 Email from ESS Group with proposal for weed mapping and Mr. Lee's response.
- 2/29 Email exchange between Andrew Carlson regarding beach regeneration/beautification for his Eagle Project.
- 3/3 Memo from ESS Group regarding weeds and algae management for Spring / Summer 2016.
- 3/3 Meeting materials for the March 10 Management Committee meeting were distributed.
- 3/3 Invoice from Mirick O'Connell received and forwarded to the District Treasurer
- 3/5 Voicemail received from Tim Lerman requesting information about a home for sale in the District
- 3/7 Phil Stiles copied the Distract on the Letter he intends to submit to the MA DOT regarding the plans for the Rawson Street Bridge.
- 3/8 COLAP Lake Management Meeting Today Announcement received
- 3/10 GoFundMe regarding Maria Parretti & Vinny Tiscone