

**Cedar Meadow Lake Watershed District
Minutes of Management Committee Meeting
April 20, 2011**

The meeting commenced at 7:40 P.M. at 1 Maple Glen Lane, Leicester.

In attendance: Paul Dufresne
Tommy Lee
Wayne Ridley
Richard Johnston, Clerk
Terence O'Coin, Treasurer

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Previously distributed Minutes of the Management Committee meeting on February 23, 2011 were offered for approval. A motion was made, seconded and voted unanimously to accept the Minutes as written.

Clerk's Report

Mr. Johnston reported the following correspondence since the last Management Committee meeting:

- 3/2 failed effort via e-mail to contact the Quabog and Quacumquasit Lake Association regarding their weed control program
- 3/18 letter from Clerk to Century 21 Toomey-Lovett Realty
- 3/18 receipt of insurance certificate from Trident Insurance
- 3/24 agreement with Knights of Columbus for hall rental
- 4/20 e-mail to Ruth Kaminski regarding her availability to moderate the Annual Meeting

Treasurer's Report

Mr. O'Coin presented a Treasurer's Report dated April 20, 2011 showing that the District had \$8,154.01 on deposit in the Spencer Savings Bank and Commerce Bank and Trust. He noted receipt of \$1,924.92 in district taxes from the Tax Collector, and the payment of \$10,265.78 to R. H. White construction. Mr. O'Coin also reported that the CD at the Spencer Savings matured, which allowed the transfer of the balance of the Stabilization Account from the Spencer Savings Bank to Commerce Bank and Trust.. He also sought and received approval for Warrant 148.

Old Business

Draw Down Update:

Mr. Johnston reported that the water and ice remained down 2.5 to 3.0 feet during January and February with water flowing through the open spillway channel. He cut through the ice and opened the low level outlet 100% on 3/1 when the water and ice level was 25 inches below the spillway elevation. After a period of heavy rain and snow and ice melting, the water rose almost two feet to 2 inches below the spillway elevation by 3/10. Water began to flow over the spillway on 3/12. The water and ice level began to drop and was 6 inches below the spillway elevation on 3/17, 12 inches below on 3/23, and 18 inches below on 3/27 when the flash boards were reinstalled for the season. The low level outlet was closed on 3/29 when the water level was still 18 inches below the spillway elevation. The low level outlet was opened briefly on 4/6 in an attempt to keep water off the spillway cap long enough to re-caulk the cracks in the cap.

Dam Seepage / Dam Repair Update:

The effort to bore holes on the crest of the dam and to pour concrete into these holes to fill voids in the subsurface of the dam produced mixed results. Mr. Johnston reported his observations on 3/31 when the water level was 15 inches below the spillway elevation. The leak that was observed, and could be heard cascading down through the dam structure, just east of the spillway stopped. Also the leak observed last Fall exiting the dam into the former low level outlet channel stopped. However, leakage at two locations 25 - 30 feet east of the spillway continue to flow at the same rate. The significant flow observed for the first time during the late winter when there was still accumulated snow below the dam has been reduced to a trickle. Later, when the lake level reached 5 Inches below the spillway elevation, significant leakage was again observed exiting the dam just west of the low level outlet and gatehouse. There are cracks in the spillway cap. Minor leakage is evident just below the spillway when the cracks are covered with water.

Officers and Directors Insurance:

There has been no response to telephone calls to the insurance agency in Great Barrington.

Ice Fishing Derby:

Mr. Johnston reported a minor communications problem resulting in a delay in receipt of Jeremy Lloyd's donation of the net proceeds of his February ice fishing derby.

Rawson Street Barrier:

Mr. Johnston reported constructing an improved floating sign for use with the Rawson Street barrier. Phil Stiles plans to re-deploy the barrier in May.

Grass Cutting:

Mr. Johnston reported a conversation with Andrew Armington of Mullins and Armington. He learned that they are interested in cutting the grass on the dam and, for the second or third time, requested a copy of their their insurance certificate. This certificate arrived the following day.

New Business

Annual Meeting Preparations:

There was a general discussion regarding preparations for the Annual Meeting including the current and future Action Plans, and the possibility of a Powerpoint presentation.

It was agreed that a goal be included in the 2011-2012 Action Plan to engage the services of an engineering firm to provide to provide expertise and guidance with respect to the maintenance and repair of the dam.

There was also discussion about including an article on the warrant for the Annual Meeting regarding establishing a trust to ensure that dam repair money was devoted repairing the dam rather than to satisfy the outstanding judgement. A motion was made, seconded and voted unanimously to include an Article in the Annual Meeting Warrant to establish a dam repair and maintenance trust to help ensure that moneys voted by the District for dam repairs and maintenance are expended only for these purposes.

Newsletter:

A draft newsletter announcing the Annual Meeting was approved for distribution to the members.

Executive Session

The meeting was recessed to hold an executive session to discuss pending litigation.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Management Committee will be held at 1 Maple Glen Lane at 7:30 P.M. on Wednesday May 4, 2011.

Adjournment

A motion was made, seconded and voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 P.M..

A True Copy Attested:

Richard D. Johnston
District Clerk