

**Cedar Meadow Lake Watershed District
Minutes of Management Committee Meeting
August 10, 2011**

The meeting commenced at 7:45 P.M. at 1 Maple Glen Lane, Leicester.

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

Minutes of Previous Meetings

The previously distributed Minutes of the Management Committee meeting on June 22, 2011 and the Minutes of the Annual Meeting on May 18, 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 communications since the last Management Committee meeting:

- 6/28 ZBA notice of public hearing regarding proposed deck at 4 Lake Shore Drive
- Tax revenue check from the Tax Collector's Office
- Various invoices shown as payments in the July 13 Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report

Mr. O'Coin presented a Treasurer's Report dated 8/10/11 showing that the District had \$11,334.91 on deposit with the Commerce Bank. He pointed out that this amount was down because he paid a number of outstanding obligations in July including payment of annual insurance premiums of \$1,146 to Trident Insurance, the \$15,000 line-of-credit balance to Commerce Bank, and the \$11,887.50 due attorney Desimone for work performed in the previous fiscal year. He also paid the \$200 owed Mullins and Armington for dam crest mowing, \$483.20 for Clerk's expenses for the last half of fiscal 2011, \$78.43 for Treasurer's expenses during fiscal 2011, and the \$229 Treasurer's Bond payment. He sought and received approval for Warrant #151.

Mr. O'Coin reported receipt of a check in the amount of \$1,062.28 in tax revenue from the Tax Collector's Office. Only approximately \$1,500 remain unpaid in taxes in the current tax cycle.

Mr. O'Coin stated that he planned to send the books off early to be audited. He also noted that he was finally able to close the Spencer Savings Bank account.

Old Business

Dam Maintenance:

Mr. Johnston reported that he had conducted a successful experiment on 8/15 to place leak-stopping coal cinders on the lake bottom through the use of a long piece of four inch plastic pipe. He hopes to continue this experiment with the help of volunteer scuba divers. Mr. Ridley noted that Proprietor Mike Dupuis had contacted him to offer to, again, dive at the dam.

Dam Seepage:

Mr. Johnston reported that, during a period of little or no rain in July, when water was not flowing over the spillway, the lake level dropped two inches in a one week period between 7/18 and 7/25. However, the new leaks below and to the west of the gate house substantially subsided when the water level dropped down to six inches below the spillway elevation, as did the rate of lake level decline.

New Business

Engineering Firm Selection:

There was discussion about the selection of an engineering firm to provide expertise and guidance with respect to the maintenance and repair of the dam. Firms such as GZA, the firm often used by the State and currently doing work for the Stiles Reservoir Water District, could be considered, but would be very expensive. Our District's experience to date with Fuss and O'Neill to date has been very favorable. Mr. Johnston was instructed to call Fuss and O'Neill to start the process.

Dam Repair and Maintenance Trust:

Mr. Johnston reported that there has been no progress on the Dam Repair and Maintenance Trust. He planned to begin work soon with the assistance of attorney Corey Lee.

Meeting With Police Chief:

Mr. Johnston reported that Ruth Kaminski was contacted by Police Chief Jim Hurley regarding the temporary bridge on Rawson Street. Ruth asked Mr. Johnston to call the Chief to set up a meeting. This meeting took place on 7/15 at the bridge and was also attended by Paula and Phil Stiles. Mr. Johnston provided the background and history of problems with people using the small area around the bridge as a park and all the problems this caused. He discussed the no parking signs and the barrier placed by the District in the water. Mr. and Mrs. Stiles discussed recent incidents of trespassing and poor responses from the police dispatcher. The Chief was very understanding and pledged to take steps to ensure that the dispatchers send officers when requested and that these officers remove the trespassers.

Executive Session:

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

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Management Committee was scheduled for Wednesday, September 14, 2011 at 1 Maple Glen Lane, Leicester.

Adjournment

A motion was made, seconded and voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M..

A True Copy Attest:

Richard D. Johnston
District Clerk