

**Cedar Meadow Lake Watershed District
Minutes of Management Committee Meeting
October 14, 2009**

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

Minutes of Previous Meetings

Minutes of the previously distributed Management Committee meetings on August 12 and September 16, 2009 were offered for approval. A motion was made, seconded and voted unanimously to accept these minutes as written.

Clerk's Report

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

- 9/24 invoice from David E. Ross Associates
- 9/26 letter from Clerk to Spencer Savings Bank in response to their erroneous notice suggesting that District was behind on property tax payments
- 9/26 letter from Clerk to Fuss and O'Neill covering on-call agreement
- 10/7 invoice from Clerk for Knights of Columbus hall rental reimbursement
- 10/9 Certificate of Deposit maturity notice from Spencer Savings Bank
- 10/11 invoice from Oakland Landcraping

Treasurer's Update

Mr. O'Coin presented and explained a Treasurer's Report dated 10/14/09 showing that the District had \$27,628.94 on deposit with the Spencer Savings Bank. He also explained that he met with the auditor and turned over the District's journals for annual review.

Mr. O'Coin also sought and received approval for Warrant #134.

Old Business

Informational Meeting:

An informational meeting was held at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Mannville Street at 7:30 P.M. on October 7, 2009 for the purpose of describing the recently completed Central Water District Associates v. Cedar Meadow Lake Watershed District trial and outcome to the members of the District. Although invitations were mailed to all 85 member families, only a disappointing 33 families were represented. The Clerk, Treasurer and member of the Management Committee made presentations and statements and answered questions from the audience. Representatives of the Burncoat Pond Watershed District also attended.

Trial Expense Financing:

The Spencer Savings Bank has rejected the District's request for a 24 month note for \$60,000 to pay the legal expenses of the recently concluded trial. Mr. O'Coin plans to contact a number of other local banks.

Dam Leakage Investigation:

Mr. Johnston described plans of Scott Navaroli of Waites Pond to inspect the under-water dam surface using his scuba gear in hopes of locating the sources of several leaks.

Draw Down Update:

Mr. Johnston reported starting the annual draw down on 10/5 when the water level was at four inches below the spillway elevation. By 10/14, the water level had dropped to minus 13 inches. The goal is to drop the water level slowly at the rate of approximately one inch per day until reaching 60 inches below the spillway elevation.

New Business

Tax Package Preparation:

Mr. Johnston announced his intentions of starting the process of preparing the tax package early. He plans to hold a Tax Classification Hearing on November 11 prior to the start of the next scheduled Management Committee meeting. He and Mr. O'Coin briefly discussed using Excel software to automate the process.

Friends Solicitation:

Mr. Johnston advised that he did not have the time during August and September to make the annual mailing seeking contributions from the Friends of Cedar Meadow Lake. Since this effort would likely yield only approximately \$200, it was agreed that such mailing would not be undertaken this year.

Executive Session

The meeting was recessed for an extended period of time to discuss the outcome of the trial and future legal actions.

Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Management Committee was scheduled for 7:30 P.M. on Wednesday, November 11, 2009 at 1 Maple Glen Lane, Leicester.

Adjournment

A motion was made, seconded and voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 9:05 P.M..

A True Copy Attest:

Richard D. Johnston
District Clerk