

CEDAR LAKE WATERSHED COMMISSION (CLWC)
MINUTES
31 July 2017

Call to order at 7:07pm 31 July 2017

In attendance were Tom Brelsford, Nancy Byrne, Denise Learned, Chris Fryxell and Chris Hayward.

Reading of the minutes by Tom from the 27 June 2017 meeting of the CLWC. A committee member requested amendment to the minutes. The request was to add the name Juliana Barrett as the guest speaker at the 'riparian buffer' informational meeting.

Motion to accept minutes made by Denise, seconded by Ted and followed by unanimous yeas.

Old business:

Mission statement – Ted presented the a draft CLWC mission statement. Ted will send text to Selectmen Lauren for review.

Public education mailing – Delay in first mailing due to postage issue. Issue was resolved. Essex Printing will print cards as soon as check arrives. The 'septic' mailing is ready for printing. The September 'riparian buffer' mailing will announce / advertise the guest speaker Juliana Barrett from the UCONN extension center. This event will also be advertized via town e-mail.

Due to delays in mailing we will skip the 'fertilizer' mailing. Chris Hayward. offered to work on the 'riparian buffer' mailing. Ted offered to help Chris.

Water Quality Testing – Tom reported that water sampling was being performed. The CLWC has not received any reports / results yet.

Town Ordinances and zoning regulations – The State mandate requiring towns to draft a storm water runoff ordinance was briefly discussed. The proposal of CLWC submitting a buffer/offset distance between the Cedar Lake shoreline and new septic systems does not fit within the mandate.

There will be a CLWC meeting with Solitude Lake Management on August 3rd at 2pm at Cedar Lake to review options for weed control. Areas of concern are: the swim area at Pelletier Park extending 10-feet outside of the buoy line, a small area east of eastern buoy line at Pelletier Park and the Cedar Lake Road beach (Lakeview Park) swim area. The hose company intake stand pipe is no longer an area of high priority because the hose company can use a floating intake hose deployed away from the weeds.

Denise said Camp Hazen will call Divers Cove in Essex to investigate the cost of weed removal at the Camp Hazen swim area. Denise will report the results.

Ted presented information on Rotary Grants and discussed a possible partnership between CLWC, Rotary and other groups to build an information kiosk about Cedar Lake. The kiosk would be located at Peltier Park. It was also noted that signage is needed at the Cedar Lake Road beach (Lakeview Park).

No other business.

No Audience of citizens

Next meeting will be at 7pm on Monday 28 August 2017 at Camp Hazen.

Thank you Denise and Camp Hazen for hosting the CLWC meeting(s).

Meeting adjourned at 7:54pm.

Submitted by: Nancy Byrne