

CEDAR LAKE WATERSHED COMMISSION (CLWC)
MINUTES
22 May 2017

Call to order at 7:14pm 22 May 2017

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

Reading of the minutes by Tom Brelsford from the 24 April 2017 meeting of the CLAC (now CLWC).

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

No audience of citizens.

Old business:

The commission name change from “Cedar Lake Advisory Committee” to “Cedar Lake Watershed Commission” is official per the selectman office, Town of Chester.

Mission statement – Tabled.

Legislative update-Chris Fryxell reported the Connecticut Lake Authority Funding Bill was still alive but most likely will not materialize. If passed, the Bill would still require amending to include all lakes and not just “lake authorities”. Chris said he would still pursue changing the language.

Public education mailing – Denise reported on status of mailings. There are 2003 postal customers in Chester. For efficiency, only 2000 pieces will be printed. Postage cost for first mailing will be approximately \$354. Printing approximately \$164 and shipping \$66.

A lengthy discussion on the contents of the first mailing (topic: watershed) followed. At end of discussion a motion was made by Chris Hayward to allow Denise and Nancy to finalize and send out the first mailing. Chris Fryxell seconded the motion followed by unanimous yeas.

Chris Hayward presented a copy of the second mailing “septic pumping and inspection”. A motion to accept the contents of the presentation was made by Denise, seconded by Chris Fryxell and followed by unanimous yeas.

Chris Hayward offered to work on the 3rd mailing, topic “Fertilizers”. This piece will be mailed in August.

The 4th mailing, topic “vegetation buffers” will include an invitation to the CLWC hosted event on “Vegetation Buffers” which includes a speaker from the UCONN extension center. The commission discussed where and when the event should take place. It was decided the Meeting House would be ideal.

Water Quality Testing – Tabled

Town Ordinances and zoning regulations – Tom reported on a State mandate requiring towns to draft a

storm water runoff ordinance. The CLWC will have input. A discussion followed on possible regulations. Septic system offsets and boat engines were briefly discussed.

New business

Tom asked for volunteer(s) for vice chair and secretary positions on the CLWC. This was followed by a moment of silence. Chris Hayward volunteered for both positions. A motion to accept Chris Hayward as vice chair and Secretary was made by Denise, seconded by Chris Fryxell and followed by unanimous yeas.

Chris Fryxell asked about the status of the Triathlon. Chris also asked about the recent clean-up day at the lake and suggested the CLWC organize a similar event. An annual watershed clean-up event. It was suggested the commission team up with other organizations such as the Boy Scouts, Parks and Rec and Rotary Club. The event may include a cook out.

Tom announced he attended the CT Lake Conference in New Haven. Presentations at the event included zoning, lakeside landscaping, invasive aquatic plant management, water testing and much more.

No other new business.

Next meeting will be at 7pm on Monday 26 June 2017 at Camp Hazen.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.

Submitted by: Nancy Byrne