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CEDAR LAKE WATERSHED COMMISSION
October 2, 2017 at 7:00 pm
Camp Hazen YMCA, Old School House Building
204 West Main St (Rt 148)

MINUTES

Call to order at 7:10 PM. In attendance were Chris Hayward, Denise Learned, Tom Brelsford, Rick Holloway and Nancy Byrne.

Reading of the minutes from the July 31st and the August 28th meeting by Chris Hayward. Motion to accept minutes by Chris, seconded by Nancy, followed by unanimous yeas.

No audience of citizens.

Old business: Mission statement tabled. The commission will wait for Ted to be in attendance.

Three public education mailings have been sent out this summer. Commission members have experienced positive feedback from the public and the Town administrators. Per Town administrators, there appears to be an increase in septic pump-out permit applications with four of the applications for properties adjacent to Cedar Lake.

There was a brief discussion on the Town mandatory septic pump out program. The current fine is \$25 for not pumping once every 5 years. Commission members suggested the fine be raised to \$100 (or more).

Water quality testing. Tom still has not been contacted by the sanitarian concerning water quality testing on Cedar Lake. Selectman Lauren contacted the Lab and had them send copies of the results from the entire summer to Tom for review. Tom reported only coliform results for the two town beaches were shown on the Lab reports. Missing were phosphorus and nitrate levels. Also missing was the third water quality sample location at the lake outlet (at the Rt 148 bridge).

Weed control planning for 2018. Hydroraking to remove weeds from the two public swim areas will cost approximately \$11,000. The cost includes mobilization of equipment, field work and weed removal via dumpster. Weed removal from Pelletier Park Beach and the smaller beach located on Cedar Lake Road are included in the price. Payment is due by July 1, 2018. The commission does not have the funds needed to make the payment by July 1 (\$3k short). There was a discussion on hydroraking only Pellitier Park Beach which would be within the commissions budget. Also discussed was the cost / benefit of having weeds removed by diver. The commission has a quote for diver services from Solitude and a 'ball park' quote from Divers Cove. The commission will ask for a refined quote from Divers Cove and then revisit the hydroraking vs diver weed removal options.

Connecticut Federation of Lakes. The commission discussed the possibility of becoming members of the Federation of Lakes. It was decided the membership fee of \$150 would be better spent on weed removal.

No new business.

Adjournment at 7:58pm.

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Submitted by: Nancy Byrne