

Minutes

Cedar Lake Watershed Commission

9/30/2019

Attendees: Tom Brelsford, Chris Hayward, William Bernhart, Denise Learned

Call to order 7:05

No audience of citizens

Old Business:

Marking storm drains- Chris will ask Chester Conservation Commission for additional cans of spray paint so the CLWC can mark the storm drains surrounding cedar lake. Chris will reach out to CCC to ask for paint.

Beach rule board- Tom talked with Chester park and recreation and was referred to the town hall. After speaking with Lauren the CLWC will come up with a plan for what will be on the rule board and present the plan. The town police officers kicked several out of towners off the beach on Cedar lake road this summer. CLWC discussed what should be on the rule board. The sign should be 2 sided with large print abbreviated rules facing the road and information such as water quality testing, weed removal, and a complete list of rules on the backside. Some of the rules we discussed putting on the sign: Swim at your own risk, no washing, no pets, and no fishing.

Weed removal- Tom attended CT Annual Lakes Forum. A few towns spoke about problems with hydrilla and water chestnut invading lakes. The species of hydrilla that is invading seldons cove, salmon river, and other CT lakes is different than the hydrilla in other parts of the country. CLWC discussed options for weed removal/prevention in 2020. Benthic barriers are effective but very labor intensive. Grass carp can be effective but milfoil is the species of plant that they will eat last and they outcompete other native fish. A new herbicide was used in Bashan Lake called procellacor and was very effective. Procellacor is fast acting and you can treat small areas of the lake at a time. It isn't harmful to fish and isn't on the list of harmful chemicals. CLWC discussed getting a company representative for herbicides come to a meeting to discuss options and permitting. Tom will reach out to solitude. Over the summer Tom did a little investigating to see if he could locate any additional invasive species in the lake. He saw milfoil but didn't find any new invasive species. CLWC discussed proposing a town ordinance to ban trailered boats from entering the lake. This would drastically reduce the chances of hydrilla or water chestnut being introduced to the lake.

New Business:

Funding- A new state law charges \$5 for every registered voter go into an environmental funding account. Up to 20% of that money could be available for weed management in CT Lakes.

Chris Fryxell resigned from the CLWC because he moved out of town. The CLWC is in search for a new member to replace him.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20. Next meeting will be October 28th.

