

Loon Lake Watershed Improvement Alliance Minutes

Date: 3/11/23

Place: Zoom

Time: 9:30 am

Call to order 0932 Eric Busch

Board Attendees: Eric Busch, Bridget Quibell, Bob Reynolds, John Hayden, Mark Davidson, Jean Maess, Alice Publow, Dede Ranger, Hal Sussman, and Karen Monroe

- Quorum Yes

- Welcome guests none

Approval of minutes Eric Busch motions for approval, Hal Sussman seconds, all in favor

Treasurer's report

Balances Checking: 26,850.64

CD: 11,487.61 (new CD including \$1000 donation) 13 months at 4.25%

Total: 38,338.25

- Payment of bills: Charge for new checks \$27.85

- Contributions: \$50 general

\$1000 contribution for new CD

President's comments and updates

-Harvester protocols were approved by the Wayland Town Board. Alice Publow made suggestions and not all were agreed to, but decreasing the sediment and a 40 foot buffer from the preserve shoreline

John Price will be taking over the coordination of the harvester. John and Carol Mykel will be at the May meeting.

Alice will put together an article about the importance of floating vegetation.

-Hunt Sewer Study Eric updates Hunt is working on getting cost options together. They hope to have them together by the May meeting. There will be a separate meeting the Saturday of Memorial Day Weekend. It has been suggested to have the meeting at 1 PM and the LLA meeting is at 4 PM. A suggestion was made to have the meetings back to back.

There is concern that the Meyer property has been ruled out and it is agreed will continue to look at this as an option.

There may be "field trips" offered to see other projects by Hunt. Many are interested and Eric will keep us updated.

For information on grants, feel free to check out NYWQIP site.

Old Business

-Tree consultation, Alice Publow: Alice will be touring the preserve property with a forester. She is asking for questions to be sent to her to review with the forester.

A couple questions offered

- 1.correct trees
- 2.fertilizer use
- 3.protection
- 4.correct tree options

-Walking path/Trail extension: Karen Monroe talked to J Senka and he has not committed to the project, but he seems interested. Mr. Senka is trying to contact the DEC for advice.

Eric is planning to walk the path in April

-Dock de-icers: Linda Nevin and Susan Neu are planning to talk to the town council about regulations.

-July 4th flares: Loon Lake Association is not planning to move forward with the battery operated flares as they would lose money on the fund raiser.
An article about proper disposal of the flare debris will be written.

-Website: Bob Reynolds renewed the website for another year.
A thank you from Eric for setting up the Zoom meetings.

-Articles: Bob advises that the absolute deadline for LL Link articles is April 10.

New Business

Committee reports:

-Educational signs: no new reports

-Memorial donations: Bob Reynolds reviewed the list of the donation costs for the preserve. He sent out a list and reviewed the list during the meeting. John made a motion to accept the list, second by Jean, and all in favor. Bridget will work on connecting with tree farms.

-Pavilion summer schedule: Dede reports that she is close to having the schedule complete. She made notes that both the Cohocton and Wayland Public Libraries will be sponsoring events. Dede has cut back on the story time events as they were not well attended. Did is also looking for input regarding having a food truck.

Paula Thoma and Thea Sussman have planned a "Junk in the Trunk" sale on June 17th. rain date is the next day on June 19th. It will be a \$10 donation.

Alice made a motion to have the porte-potty in place and the preserve before the Memorial Day meeting, second by Bob, all in favor. John has agreed to make contact for it to be placed Mid May to Mid September.

-Water quality/Obsolete DO and temperature meter: Alice suggests that we stay with the meter we have for this year. Hal has offered to assist with measurements. At the last meeting, Bridget also offered to help. It is suggested that the testing be done at least every 2 weeks and before the sun is too high in the sky.

Preserve Manager report: Eric Busch

-Bridge: It is in place. Eric would like to look at the possibility of putting approaches in place of the steps. He would like to work on it this summer.

-Main sign: John Karl is working on repairs

-beaver mitigation: \$50 removal fee Looking for ideas for future mitigation

-leaning tree removal: removed at a cost of \$850. There are other trees leaning and Mark Davidson recommends contacting NYSEG first. Eric will also consider contacting the town to see if they are interested in clearing.

Future: 3-6 months, improve messaging: Eric is looking for 2-3 people to consider the way we currently communicate with the Loon Lake Community. Alice suggested a FB page. Jean volunteered to look into it.

Meeting dates: 2023

April 8

May 13

June 10

July 8

August 12

September 9

October 14

November 11

Hiatus: December and January

2024

February 10

Adjournment Eric Busch 1104

Respectfully Submitted,

Bridget Quibell, LLWIA Secretary

