

Lake Beseck Environmental Committee
10/26/2022
7:00 PM

1. **Call to Order**
 - a. Meeting begins at 7:10
2. **Members Present**
 - a. R. Santos, H. Malcolm, J. Malcolm, J. Irish, L. McCabe
3. **Approval of Minutes**
 - a. No Meeting in September
4. **Public Comment**
 - a. None
5. **Election of Committee Officers**
 - a. Turnaround time for minutes needs to be quicker – 7-day turn around. James Malcolm volunteers as Secretary.
 - b. *J. Irish makes a motion to attain our current officers, L. McCabe seconds. In favor: 5, Oppose: 0*
6. **Change in the air: Discussion of Lake Management options. One Company to review; Solitude.**
 - a. Mark, our biologist has left AER, so we have lost a lot of our leg work for Lake Beseck and it could be an opportunity to switch our lake management team.
 - b. Solitude helped us in the past with quoting our herbicide treatment requirement. They are a bigger company with a nation present.
 - c. All Habitat is another company. They are doing our treatment, but they also do Lake Management.
 - d. We will look for more companies and invite companies to bid to manage Beseck Lake. AER may be closing their door. We are contracted with them through June.
 - e. What are we asking for a lake management company? J. Irish suggests making simplified list of what the duties of our current consultants are.
 - f. Additionally, J. Irish suggests we get a hold of all our past data from AER. Link to AER database and copy of all the Yearly Lake Studies.
 - g. Other ideas; *North East Aquatic Research*, reaching out to the CT Federation of Lakes for suggestions finding freelance Lake Managers.
 - h. H. Malcolm has reached out to CT Federation of Lakes regarding trusted management.
7. **For the coming year**
 - a. Invasive Aquatic Plant Management and Cyanobacteria Bloom Management
 - i. These are our two main areas of improvement
 - b. Committee Member Recruitment. H. Malcom suggests we start a recruitment program to gain additional members with the commitment to attend the meetings.
 - i. Could we try to do a different day or a different Wednesday of the month?
 - ii. Members present did not favor day change
 - iii. Reach out to the Lake Beseck Association President to reach out to her email list, and reach out on “Friends of the Lake” Facebook page.
8. **Three-foot Drawdown Status**
 - a. The Friends of the Lake Facebook Page has been announcing the drawdown.
 - b. There are a few new residents who do not quite understand the drawdown

9. Create program to communicate to the public about cyanobacteria blooms in areas other than the beach.

- a. The nature of cyanobacteria blooms means that while one area may be clear, others may not. Or they may be clear in a few hours while the cyanobacteria blooms move to another part of the beach.
- b. The flag system as discussed in the past would not fulfill the issues with places beyond the main beach, so other solutions should be considered.

10. Selectman Report

- a. Installation of speed hump completed on Lake Road. Goal is to slow traffic speed to the posted limit.

11. Misc.

- a. None

12. Adjourn

- a. *8:40 PM: Jim Irish calls to close meeting, L. McCabe seconds. In Favor: 5. Oppose: 0*