



SLPID **DRAFT** MINUTES
March 12, 2020, 6:30 PM
Town of Malta Community Center, Malta NY

A meeting of the Saratoga Lake Protection Improvement District was held on March 12, 2020 at the Malta Town Community Center, Malta, NY. A quorum was present.

Present: SLPID Commissioners: Tom Carringi, Cristina Connolly, Kathy Simmonds, Walter Supley. Assistant Treasurer: Mike Van Patten. Lake Manager: Dean Long. Lake Consultant: Tracey Clothier.
Absent: Karl Hardcastle, Debbie Curto, Secretary

Public Comments: None

Secretary's Report: (Kathy Simmonds for Debbie Curto): The legal notice was published for the change of meeting date. The mailing list was acquired for notification of lake residents regarding herbicide applications in accordance with DEC requirements. The notification letter was submitted for printing and mailing.

Training has been scheduled with Docufree for Tuesday, March 17 at 2:00. It will be a call-in webinar lasting about an hour. Commissioners have received the call-in information. Payment has been made for the boxes to be returned from Docufree and they will be stored in the SLPID garage. It was requested the webinar link be resent.

The 2019 SLPID minutes have been sent to Walter Supley for posting on the SLPID website. The December 2019 and January 2020 minutes have not been approved. The February 2020 minutes were presented for review.

Acknowledgement of viewing the Sexual Harassment Title VI and Workplace Violence Training (updated 2020) was received from Walter Supley.

Cristina Connolly MADE A MOTION to approve the Secretary's report, 2nd by Tom Carringi. MOTION CARRIED.

The following documents/exhibits were used at the meeting:

1. Agenda
2. Draft minutes
3. Public notice

Kathy Simmonds MADE A MOTION to approve the December and January minutes, 2nd by Cristina Connolly. MOTION CARRIED. February minutes will be approved at next meeting pending revision.

Assistant Treasurer's Report (Mike VanPatten): Register report and statement of revenue and expenditures were distributed. Cristina Connolly MADE A MOTION to pay bills in the amount of \$35,276.54, 2nd by Tom Carringi. MOTION CARRIED.

SLPID should be receiving its annual payment from Saratoga County, the towns of Saratoga, Stillwater, and Malta and the city of Saratoga Springs this month or early April

There was discussion of establishing a restricted account for future large expenses. Kathy Simmonds MADE A MOTION to authorize Mike VanPatten to establish a restricted account in the amount of \$400,000, 2nd by Walter Supley. MOTION CARRIED.

Kathy Simmonds MADE A MOTION to accept the Assistant Treasurer's report, 2nd by Cristina Connolly. MOTION CARRIED.

Mike Van Patten excused himself from the remainder of the meeting.

Lake Level Report (Tom Carringi): Lake level is currently 202.90 (1929 datum)

CSLAP (Karl Hardcastle): No report

Communications (Walter Supley): A revised postcard was presented by Walter Supley which will be mailed to all residents within the SLPID boundaries to notify them of SLPID's website and Facebook presence. It will also encourage them to provide their email addresses for the SLPID database. Walter Supley will get prices for printing and it is expected the mailing will be completed at the end of May. The proposed folding handout that will be distributed to boaters at the launch this summer was also discussed. The printing cost is \$3,593 for 15,000 and \$2,566 for 10,000. No decision was made. Walter Supley also "boosted" the SLPID Facebook page for \$40 to promote the newsletter and reached 1,506 people.

Email accounts using the SLPID.org address for commissioners was also discussed. Commissioners were provided a password for secure access to information on the site not available to the public.

Aquatic Weed Control (Dean Long): The DEC letter has been mailed to notify residents of future herbicide treatments and the permits have been signed on March 5, 2020. Treatment is scheduled for the end of May at the south end of the lake and mid - late June for the Franklin Beach area. There will be no treatment for water chestnut this year. Two weeks for hydro-raking have been planned at a cost of \$28,000. Tracey Clothier suggested applying the remaining \$8,000 from a DEC grant towards the hydro-raking cost. All agreed.

Dean Long is working on a spec for a "transport barge" with rake attachment to streamline the offloading of harvested weeds. The spec should be completed in 2 weeks and then will go out to bid. Expect to have a transport barge in place for the 2021 harvesting season.

The Biobase system will be installed on the harvesters for the 2020 harvest season. Dean Long is trying to develop a way for the transducer to float, based on the water level, so it doesn't become clogged in shallow water.

The annual contract was received from the Darrin Freshwater Institute for \$17,500. Walter Supley, MADE A MOTION, 2nd by Kathy Simmonds to approve the contract.

Lake Stewardship (Cristina Connolly): Cristina Connolly has already hired 4 of 5 stewards for the coming summer. It is anticipated that the Junior Steward will be returning as well. New rules are being written for employee guidance on job description, sexual harassment, dealing with the public, etc. Uniforms have not been ordered yet pending guidance from DEC about standardizing them. There will be a meeting with the Lake George Park Commission about the seal system they have implemented for boats entering and exiting the lake. This will be implemented on Saratoga Lake as well this summer.

There was a discussion about DEC iMapinvasives and the benefit to SLPID if we need to pay for our own license. Previously all data had been monitored by DEC but they would like to SLPID to take over for Saratoga Lake. Licenses range from \$100 for field worker to \$3,800 per year.

Cristina Connolly mentioned that the second week of July is Invasive Species Awareness Week. Typically the stewards have an open house to showcase what they do on the job.

The annual meeting of Capital District PRISM will be held on March 24 from 1-4 at the Crossings of Colonie. The meeting will discuss the high threat of species of concern and terrestrial invasive. It was decided that Dean Long would attend on behalf of SLPID.

OLD BUSINESS:

Buoys: No new info to report. Cristina Connolly is trying to set up a meeting with all involved agencies for March 30 when the Sheriff will be available.

Grants: Tracey Clothier noted that the Department of State's Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP) provides matching grants on a competitive basis to eligible villages, towns, cities, and counties located along New York's coasts or designated inland waterways for planning, design, and construction projects to revitalize communities and waterfronts. For SLPID to qualify we would need to team with at least one of the lake municipalities (Saratoga, Stillwater, Malta and the city of Saratoga Springs). The funding is a 75/25 split and could be used to update the "land to lakes perspectives, A Watershed Management Plan for Saratoga Lake", March 2002.

NEW BUSINESS:

Walter Supley mentioned the newsletter from Solitude that discussed the use of nano-bubbles to eliminate blue green algae if it occurs at Brown's Beach. Dean Long stated this application is generally used on ponds but he would research further to determine if it would apply to a small area on the lake.

Cristina Connolly attended the Saratoga County Water Quality meeting earlier today. Discussion focused on the Saratoga Lake Forum being sponsored by the Saratoga Lake Association. It will give residents an opportunity to learn about the state of the lake, climate change impacts, storm and velocity erosion and runoff into the lake. There will be representatives from governmental agencies as well as various environmental not-for-profits. She noted that the town of Stillwater is working with CT Male on a special catch basin design. The town also has a \$75,000 grant which will be used to evaluate outfalls into the lake, chemicals in the lake and salt runoff into the lake.

Discussion Item:

The commissioners received correspondence from SLPID counsel, Michele Anderson, Esq., dated February 14, 2020 regarding a number of legal issues within the operations of SLPID. Tom Carringi suggested that discussion be delayed until the full board was present.

The Commissioners resolved to enter into an executive session at 7:50 to discuss personnel issues. MOTION MADE by Walter Supley, 2nd by Cristina Connolly.

The meeting was reconvened at 8:10. No actions were taken during executive session.

Kathy Simmonds MADE A MOTION to adjourn at 8:11, 2nd by Cristina Connolly.

Respectfully submitted by,

Kathy Simmonds for Deborah Curto