



SLPID APPROVED MINUTES , August 15, 2019, 6:30 pm.  
Town of Malta Community Center. Malta, NY

A meeting of the Saratoga Lake Protection and Improvement District was held on August 15, 2019, 6:30 pm at Malta Town Community Center, Malta NY. A quorum was present.

Present: SLPID Commissioners: Cristina Connolly, Karl Hardcastle, Kathy Simmonds, Walter Supley. Treasurer: Mike VanPatten, Consultant: Dean Long, Weed Harvesting Crew Member: Lonnie VanBuren. Not present: Tom Carringi.

The meeting acted on the following items:

Call to Order: The Annual Meeting called to order at 6:30 by Chair, Cristina Connolly. The Agenda was presented for review.

First order of business was to present the 2020 annual budget. The SLPID 2020 projected budget is \$413,150.00 No questions or comments were presented. Karl Hardcastle MADE A MOTION to adopt the 2020 annual budget, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cristina Connolly, MOTION CARRIED. (Budget is forwarded to county by October 1, 2019)

Town of Saratoga (Commissioner Tom Carringi) and Town of Malta (Commissioner Walter Supley) term will be up this year. Nominations will be held for both commissioners at the September meeting when Tom is present. Public Notice will be placed in the newspaper and nominations will be heard at the September meeting.

The following documents/exhibits used at the meeting:

1. 2020 budget dated 7/18/19

Secretary's Report: (Debbie Curto)

Public Notice was published on August 1, 2019 in the Saratogian. LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING: Saratoga Lake Protection and Improvement District Monthly Annual Meeting with Presentation of the Annual Budget and nominations for Commissioner, Town of Saratoga and Commissioner, Town of Malta will take place on Thursday, August 15, 2019 at 6:30 pm., at Malta Town Community Center, Route 9, Malta, NY 12020.

Draft minutes from July were tabled til September.

Information and price quote was requested from Docufree for scanning of all minutes and accounting records.

Accounting records are currently held at the Garage. Minutes are stored with Secretary. It was noted, records housed at the town of Malta basement were disposed of.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Cristina Connolly to approve Secretary's Report, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Karl Hardcastle, MOTION CARRIED.

The following documents/exhibits used at the meeting:

1. Agenda
2. Public Notice
3. Letters of Support

Treasurer's Report: (Mike VanPatten)

Register report and statement of revenue and expenditures were distributed. Cristina Connolly MADE A MOTION to pay bills \$18970.73 presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kathy Simmonds. MOTION CARRIED.

Kathy Simmonds MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT the treasurer's report 2<sup>nd</sup> by Karl Hardcastle, MOTION CARRIED.

The following documents/exhibits used at the meeting:

1. Financial Statements: Balance Sheet, Income Statement.
2. Monthly Bank Reconciliations - Approved by Commissioners, returned to Treasurer.
3. Weekly Payroll Reports - Approved by Commissioners, returned to Treasurer.
4. Monthly Vendor and Invoices - Approved by Commissioners, returned to Treasurer.

Aquatic Weed Control: (Dean Long)

Water Chestnut harvesting has taken place. The lake stewards have been hand pulling, north of volleyballs net, path near Riely Cove. Franklin Beach area has not grown back this year. (Milfoil, Curly Leaf, Pond weed) has diminished. Snyders Lake is being treated with a new product which is working well and after two weeks Milfoil is going. Dean reported he is assisting Cristina with getting permission to re-produce the DEC brochure to put on our website. Zebra Mussels – spit out “blue green” water clarity as incredible. Comment received by (via Dean) Jack Donnelly at 25 Garside. Water chesnuts in wetlands. Can they be treated a 2<sup>nd</sup> time this year? Dean believes it can only be once with the existing permit.

CSLAP: (Karl Hardcastle) Oxygen Meter arrived. First reading was taken. No additional readings for E-Coli. It was noted the cause of E-Coli at Brown’s Beach was geese. Clarity: excellent. Weather Station is ready to order. Dean will send treasurer invoice and order.

Weed Harvesting: (Lonnie)

Lonnie presented the report on behalf of Bob Hahn.

Breakdown occurred yesterday. One hose and it was repaired. Currently working at the north end. Lots of water chestnuts are seen. Weeds are noticeable and thick at Kaydeross. Not seeing a lot of Eel grass

Communications: (Walter Supley)

Launched new website. Reached 907 people. Post on Waterchestnuts has reached 77 people. We are actively updating website and posting on facebook.

Safety: (Lonnie Van Buren, on behalf of Bob Hahn)

No report – no injuries.

Sexual harassment video link provided from Henry does not work. Cristina Connolly will contact the county to get proper link.

At boat launch, decon unit shed has poor drainage and a young girl during an educational event past month slipped in the mud. She was not hurt, clothes were muddy. No report filed.

Lake Stewardship: (Cristina Connolly)

Floating Classroom has been a success. A big thank you to Karl Hardcastle for stepping in last minute to drive the boat. At last classroom SLPID lake stewards had a change in schedule and the stewards on that day were surprised. AWSI called after and said how all things worked as the SLPID lake stewards joined in on the activities and really engaged the students and made it more fun to learn. Asking if in the future SLPID and AWI expanding to work closer together and do more education.

Tom Wood, town of Saratoga supervisor called to also say the recreation department and the town board were very happy with the SLPIDs efforts.

Continuing to work with park police and state park with issues at the launch and improving the program. Had a meeting with state parks on new directional signage, etc will continue talks and planning over the winter.

Continued door to door info on HAB’s and shoreline buffers, etc.

Mainly phone calls and emails have been positive, complimenting weed harvesting crew and asking questions regarding HAB and weed info.

Next week two stewards are leaving, following week two more will leave and closing up the lake steward ship program mid September .

OLD BUSINESS:

Cristina Connolly and Dean Long met with the Sherriff Marine Patrol. DA has been renewing the permit for Buoys. Buoys need to be replaced. Current pricing approximately \$360 each. Dean Long is waiting on further price quotes. Buoys must be 48” above the water. The Rowing Cub has been placing the buoys. Sherrif feels they are positioned correctly. Pricing has been received from Divers LLC to set the buoys, as a possibility in setting the buoys or if they are in need of repair. Rowing Club will set-up and take them out of the water in the fall. Sheriff asked to review signage to make sure everything is consistent. Saratoga Lake has 200 foot no wake zone. We need signage to note this.

Employee Manual: Kathy Simmonds is working on.

NEW BUSINESS:

Presentation of the need for administrative changes within SLPID have been spoken of for the past years. The lake population and recreational use is continuing to grow. SLPIDs expanding responsibilities and day to day operations are more than a volunteer group can do. An executive director is in need. It will be SLPID's fourth year with the SLPID steward and education program, more education is needed and asked for from the community, property owners, other organizations for SLPID to reach out to the entire watershed.

NYS is expanding the fight on aquatic invasives and willing to help SLPID along. However, there is much needed work on SLPIDs part with even more responsibilities a paid position is recommended. Cristina Connolly presented a lengthy list of responsibilities she has been doing for SLPID currently and future goals if the support is there. Cristina expressed the desire for the position and devotion to promote the health and preservation of Saratoga lake with SLPIDs mission.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Cristina Connolly to adjourn the monthly meeting at 7:40 pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kathy Simmonds, MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah Curto  
SLPID Recording Secretary