

## **SLPID Monthly Meeting (VIA ZOOM)**

**March 18, 2021**

**Call to order** at 6:30 p.m. presiding Chair Commissioner Kathy Simmonds

**Commissioners present** Town of Stillwater, Karl Hardcastle. Town of Saratoga, Tom Carringi. Commissioner at Large, Victor Mazzotti. City of Saratoga Springs, Kathy Simmonds. Town of Malta, Walter Supley.

**Commissioners absent-** none.

**Staff present:** SLPID Recording Secretary Deborah Curto. SLPID Lake Administrator, Cristina Connolly.

**Others present:** Lake Consultants- Tracey Clothier, Dean Long. Assistant Treasurer, Michael VanPatten.

**Excused:** Weed Harvesting Supervisor: Lonnie VanBuren.

**Public present:** none

**Public Comments:** None

### **PRESENTATIONS:**

#### **Secretary report (Deborah Curto)**

\*February minutes presented:

A review of the minutes as presented.

The following documents used at the meeting:

1. Agenda
2. Draft Minutes

**Discussion:** none

#### **Motion to accept February minutes:**

First: K. Simmonds    Second:        V. Mazzotti                      All members present voted: YES

Listing for all SLPID tax residents has been secured. The Notification letter for herbicide treatment was mailed 3 /15/2021. The postage cost was approximately \$660.00. We will monitor for returned envelopes.

#### **Motion to approve report:**

First: K. Simmonds    Second:        V. Mazzotti                      All members present voted: YES

#### **Treasurer report (Mike VanPatten)**

**\*Present monthly bills to be paid.**

Discussion:

Register reports and statements of revenue and expenditures were distributed to the Commissioners via email for review. Bills to be paid \$26940.44 (includes Anderson Law Firm)



**Motion to accept to pay the monthly bills:**

First, V. Mazzotti

Second

W. Supley

All members present voted: YES.

**Treasurer's monthly report:**

Discussion:

We received SLPID's annual contributions from the Towns of Malta, Stillwater, and Saratoga for \$3,000.00. SLPID did not receive the County (\$410,550) or the City of Saratoga Springs (\$5,000). SLPID received a credit for overpayment to Solitude of \$5,250.00. Mike stated employee holiday pay should be discussed, so that all employees are equal and saying it is important to adhere to the policy with NYS and federal labor laws. This will be discussed in Executive sesión.

U.S. Census Bureau – nothing received.

Commissioner Simmonds commented she likes seeing the Treasurer's report emailed before the meeting to review and have comments ready.

The following documents presented:

1. Financial Statements: Balance Sheet, Income Statement.
2. Monthly Bank Reconciliations
3. Weekly Payroll Reports
4. Monthly Vendor and Invoices

**Motion to accept Treasurer's report:**

First, W. Supley

Second

V. Mazzotti

All members present voted: YES.

**Lake Administrator (Cristina Connolly)**

**Safety Report- none.**

**Lake Steward Report-** Cristina forwarded the 2020 Lake Steward Report to the Commissioners and Sarah to place on the website. Cristina is planning for the 2021 Lake Steward program and information with the State on new training procedures.

June 13, the Browns Beach Tent is reserved for a property owner workshop. The topics will be native and invasive Weeds, stormwater run-off, shoreline buffers. Dean and Tracey will attend. Cristina will reach out to Blue and a Master Gardener from Cornell Cooperative Extension to attend. Once everything is defined, Cristina will put together information for a flyer for Commissioner Supley and Sarah to design and send out on email notifications. Cristina will send it to SLA for distribution. Cristina spoke with Kristen at LGA to work with her and stewards on floating classrooms or other education and videos for the SLPID website. When the pricing comes in, she will share it with SLA.

Cristina dropped the files off with Sara Dorsey, CPA, for the audit, which is planned to be completed by the end of April. Sarah offered to attend a SLPID meeting if wanted.

Stored Tech has backed up emails and files on Cristina's computer and will be reaching out to Debbie and Mike next.



Cristina has asked Dean about a letter to U.S. Geological Services to negotiate the price with the contract.

## **RESOLUTION # 21-2021**

Whereas the Commissioners approve to contract with Rensselaer Darrin Fresh Water Institute. The contract period is through March 18, 2022, in the amount of \$17,500. These funds allow for the completion of the yearly aquatic plant survey and assessment in 2021. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Commissioners direct the action to contract with Rensselaer Darrin Fresh Water Institute, and this action be incorporated in the minutes of the District.

First, K. Simmonds    Second            V. Mazzotti    All members present voted: YES.

### **Weed Harvesting** (Lonnie VanBuren. In absence- Cristina Connolly)

Discussion:

The dump truck was delivered on December 25 to Unicell in Latham. Work on it should be completed sometime in June.

Weed Harvester is delayed – expected late June, early July. Waiting on delayed parts  
Shore conveyor – moving along steel structure is in and fabrication has begun with the lower portion. The main components are ordered, and the engine has arrived.

Start date for Lonnie and Patrick is May 3. Machines will not be in the water right away; there is a lot of prep work needed.

### **Lake Level** (Commissioner, Carringi)

Discussion: 201.20 Commissioner Simmonds questioned if the damn is closed. Cristina stated typically April 1 unless ice comes out sooner.

### **Water testing, CSLAP** (Commissioner Hardcastle)

Discussion: No report

### **Aquatic Weed Control** (Dean Long)

Dean finished the summary reports to DEC on the 2020 aquatic plant survey with Darren Fresh Water institute and harvesting report. The herbicide application was submitted this week. Dean is compiling the biobase data, which is tricky, and will be reaching out to others who work with GIS to make it more efficient for mapping. In the next coming week, Dean will be working on a nutrient load model to show the lake quality trends, threats, and changes.

**\*Floating island update:** Commissioner Mazzotti asked for an update on floating islands. Is Stillwater working on the funding? Dean is working on the final plant cost. Commissioner Mazzotti asked if Cristina spoke with SLA regarding funding. Cristina was waiting to hear back from SLA President and indicated they usually speak after the SLPID meeting. She will be attending the May meeting of SLA, and any Commissioner was welcome to participate. Commissioner Mazzotti asked if SLPID was funding one or two. Mike commented he hoped the town of Stillwater or someone else would be paying for them. Commissioner Hardcastle asked what the funding is. Mike thought the cost was \$3000.00 each, and the town of Stillwater would



pay up to \$10,000.00. Commissioner Simmonds asked if we have a final price to submit to Stillwater. Dean is working on it. Dean stated he is getting pricing on plants, which are higher in price than last year. Commissioner Simmonds asked if we could submit pricing with perhaps 20% contingency. Commissioner Carringi questioned if the islands freeze and they would be left in the water for the winter. Dean stated yes, as long as we put marking stakes or check with Sailing Club. Commissioner Carringi said they could be housed at his marina for the winter as they have open water. Dean stated that could be an alternative. Commissioner Supley stated if we believe in this, we should put one in ourselves.

Summary of EverBlue Lakes report has been sent out. Dissolved Oxygen reports should be somewhere in scanned data from Ed Dweck. (Excel file older than 2014) Commissioner Hardcastle indicated he had sent them to CSLAP. Secretary would search old emails. Perhaps check with Rick Noel (old webmaster).

### **Grants, Watershed Management plan (Tracey Clothier)**

#### **\*Watershed management plan update**

**Discussion:** (difficulty with hearing)

Tracey has sent an update on the watershed management plan to the board and work on the land use section. Tracey sent Cristina a summary of where each municipality stands with stormwater management. Tracey has put together a series of questions for the towns for feedback on the watershed management plan.

Tracey asked if the letter should be sent ahead of the meeting date. Karl stated he spoke with Town Supervisor Kinowski, and he would like to receive information ahead of the meeting. Walter said it would move the process much faster. Cristina and Tracey will work on getting the letter out tomorrow. Tracey liked the idea of a Local waterfront revitalization program similar to LGPC. One municipality to sponsor, get a grant from DOS, bring all four municipalities as partners, come up with regulations for all municipalities, highly effective, puts SLPID in the pipeline for all kinds of grants. Tracey has done several in the past. The latest one she has completed was the town of Bolton. This takes the responsibility off SLPID and on to the towns. Tracey will forward to the board the town of Bolton's. Commissioner Simmonds questioned if a motion was needed to move forward to send out a letter. Commissioner Supley felt the letter is currently open-ended and feels the letter should have more direction on lake usage, safety, and education. Commissioner Simmonds asked if the last question should be deleted. Commissioner Supley agreed it should be taken off (#19)

Motion to send a letter with questions on the watershed management plan to municipalities with the deletion of #19

First W. Supley

Second

V. Mazzotti

All members present voted: YES.

### **Communications (Commissioner Supley)**

#### **Discussion:**

Several new Facebook posts, ice shanty 155 people, buffer in a bag reached 110, on thin ice 254, ice fishing 200 people. No boosting on any of those.

#### **Old Business:**



**New Business:**

**Motion to Adjourn to enter Executive Session 7:20 pm for personnel, future employees.**

First W. Supley  
voted: YES.

Second

T. Carrington

All members present

Out of executive Session at 7:55

Motion to Adjourn at 7:56

First W. Supley  
voted: YES.

Second

T. Carrington

All members present

*W. Ammons, CHAIR*  
*4/17/21*