

SLPID - MONTHLY MEETING – MARCH 15, 2012, 7 PM

PRESENT: Commissioners: Ed Dweck, Joe Finn, Al McCauley, Judee VanPatten., Tom Whalen. Treasurer: Mike VanPatten. Bob Hahn, Weed Harvesting Supervisor, Dean Long, The LA Group.

Call to Order:

I. Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm by Ed Dweck

II. **Public Comments:** Gean Fedoronko, Resident Town of Stillwater introduced himself as an interested person for candidate as Town of Stillwater Commissioner.

REPORTS:

III. **Secretary's Report: (Secretary, Debbie Curto)**

Minutes from the February meeting were presented for review. Correction made to spelling of Holcum, & received. Judee VanPatten MADE A MOTION to approve the minutes, 2nd Tom Whalen, MOTION CARRIED. Secretary will contact Saratoga County Board of Supervisors to review policy regarding appointing a new commissioner to be effective June 2012. Flyer was distributed for the upcoming NYFOLA conference. Ed Dweck reminded commissioners that they are eligible to attend and the cost would be covered by SLPID. Joe Finn MADE A MOTION to accept the Secretary's report, 2nd Tom Whalen. MOTION CARRIED.

V. **Treasurer's Report: (Treasurer, Mike VanPatten, CPA)**

Treasurer distributed copies to all commissioners (425 page document) Annual financial Report Update Document for fiscal year ended 12/31/2011. As treasurer for the past three years, Mike has prepared this annual document as required by Article 3, Section 30 of the General Municipal Law to be filed with NYS Office of Comptroller, Division of Local Government and School Accountability. It is the first year the report was distributed to all commissioners. Treasurer also prepared a memo documenting areas of audit risk, as a result of the recent Town of Providence audit. Attached to the memo is article which appeared in the Daily Gazette. It was suggested that an independent audit by an outside firm, audit SLPID on an annual basis. Mike stated he is unable to reconstruct accurate accounting records from 2001 – 2008 due to poor record keeping practices. Prior to Mike being appointed as treasurer (CPA), the past treasurers balanced the checkbook, without any evidence of necessary documents and mandated accounting practices as required by law. Several new practices have been initiated so that the board will be aware of complete disclosure. Commissioners are now required to sign Warrant for payments prior to bills being paid. All invoices are presented each month for commissioner review. In addition the monthly bank reconciliation will be distributed and signed by each commissioner verifying review of documentation. Suggestion was made to develop procedures statement so that new commissioners will be aware of compliances. Register report and statement of revenue and expenditures were distributed. Al McCauley MADE A MOTION to pay bills \$5868.85 as presented, 2nd by Joe Finn, MOTION CARRIED. A MOTION WAS MADE TO ACCEPT the treasurer's report by Joe Finn, 2nd by Tom Whalen. MOTION CARRIED.

VI. **Lake Stewardship Report: (Al McCauley)**

Al has met with professors at RPI and Sage Colleges where he has distributed the job postings for summer internship openings (2). It was agreed payment to interns will continue to be processed by Paul Smiths College.

VII. **Lake Level / Aquatic Weed Control Report: (Joe Finn, Dean Long)**

Lake Level 202.4. Joe continues to post on the SLPID website. Dean Long requests a new cell line be obtained so that the auto dialer can be installed and data transmitted. Secretary will obtain the new number and forward to Dean Long. Ed has been communicating with ENEL and they have promised to reinstall the phone line. Tom Whalen questioned if all boards are in. Joe Finn MADE A MOTION to extend the contract to Darrien Water Institute for \$17,500 (annual weed survey & fish count), 2nd by Tom Whalen, MOTION

CARRIED. Joe Finn is authorized as Resolution 12-2012 to sign contract. Dean Long distributed findings form 1973 document prepared by Mike Connor for masters thesis, Hydrology of Saratoga Lake. Daily Rainfall compared. Proves there is a 24 hour delay to effect the lake level. As noted on second chart Lake Lonely doesn't respond as well, due to the wells it runs through. Tom Whalen MADE A MOTION to accept the report, 2nd by Al McCauley, MOTION CARRIED.

Weed Harvesting: It was noted that the crew will begin on or about April 30th. Bob Hahn will not be in attendance for next month's meeting.

VIII. Permit Regulation Report: (Judee VanPatten)

Separate workshop to follow meeting as Judee relinquishes her responsibility as chair. Tom Whalen will report at next month's meeting.

IX. New Business:

Joe Finn responded to a concerned neighbor regarding work on retaining wall. Address: 1281 Route 9P. Joe took pictures and forwarded them to DEC. DEC responded stating no permit is in place. They will visit site. Joe reminded all commissioners that they need to be vigilant and report findings as these to DEC.

X. Old Business:

Joe Finn inquired if any progress has been made for SLA to take over the annual Fireworks Display. Ed has been in contact with several of the board members. SLA did not meet yet to discuss the issue.

X. Adjournment:

A Motion was made by Ed Dweck to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 pm, 2nd by Joe Finn, MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted by, Debbie Curto, Recording Secretary

