

**APPROVED**



## SLPID DRAFT MINUTES , October 17, 2019, 6:30 pm. Town of Malta Community Center. Malta, NY

A meeting of the Saratoga Lake Protection and Improvement District was held on October 17, 2019, 6:30 pm at Malta Town Community Center, Malta NY. A quorum was present.

Present: SLPID Commissioners: Tom Carrangi , Cristina Connolly, Kathy Simmonds, Walter Supley. Treasurer: Mike VanPatten, Consultant: Dean Long, Weed Harvesting Supervisor: Bob Hahn. Excused: Karl Hardcastle

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

Public Comment: Jim DeMasi, representing Saratoga Lake Association (SLA) presented a flyer and extended an invitation for Educational Seminar to be held on November 20<sup>th</sup> at the Saratoga Lake Golf Club 6 pm.

Michelle Anderson was unable to attend tonight's meeting. Signed contract was received and signed by SLPID Chair at the hourly rate of \$325 for attorney and \$135 paralegal for all SLPID matters.

### Secretary's Report: (Debbie Curto)

The September minutes were presented for review. Kathy Simmonds MADE A MOTION to approve the minutes as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Walter Supley. MOTION CARRIED.

Annual Training for Sexual Harassment documents were received and filed for: Lonni Van Buren, Bob Hahn, Mike VanPatten, Debbie Curto, Cristina Connolly, Kathy Simmonds, Walter Supley. It was stated this training is now mandated on an annual basis and all board members and contractors must watch the video and sign the document. Document filed with Secretary.

Policy Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) was sent to all Volunteers, Employees and Contractors.

Received certificate of General Liability insurance.

The November meeting will begin at 6:00 pm. Legal notice to be placed and room reservation changed.

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

The following documents/exhibits used at the meeting:

1. Agenda
2. Draft Minutes

### Treasurer's Report: (Mike VanPatten)

Register report and statement of revenue and expenditures were distributed. Walter Supley MADE A MOTION to pay bills \$13884.26, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kathy Simmonds. MOTION CARRIED. Invoice from Docufree (\$3000.00) received. Payment would not be made until the service has been completed.

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

### Lake Level Report: (Tom Carrangi)

203.6 Level (1929 data). Christina spoke with the Dam Operator. Boards will begin to be removed after the Regatta on 10/27/19.

CSLAP: No report til Spring 2020

Aquatic Weed Control: (Dean Long)

Dean emailed report to commissioners. Milfoil is seen scattered around the lake. Lake tour will take place end of month or beginning of next to review what options are available for treatment of water chestnuts. Options include using the lake stewards (hand pulling) hydro raking or professional divers. Mike VanPatten questioned what method is better. Dean stated there are pros and cons on each method. He noted the lake stewards are available on Monday thru Thursday for hand pulling. Jim DeMasi (SLA) offered SLA volunteers to hand harvest. Areas targeted are the south side of the Kaydeross. Manning Cove has been identified as having 6 plants. Additional plants were noted at Sailing Club. 100 by 100 ft water chestnut area was identified on the northside of the Kaydeross. This area has not been previously identified. There is no guarantee of results.

Communications: (Walter Supley)

Walter is monitoring Facebook results and reported during the time from September 19 – October 16, the SLPID facebook page was viewed 10,800. 10.8K post reach. Increase of 4.3K 66%

Of those post, 1050 post engagements. Increase of 196 - 23%. 67 new page likes. Increase of 26 - 63%

New posts: Awesome # posts published reached 131 68 engagements. Incredible!!! reached 136 36 engagements. Lake turnover reached 100 28 engagements.

Walter will set up slpid.org email for those that want it.

Safety: (Bob Hahn)

No report – no injuries.

Harvestors are out for the season.

Lake Stewardship: (Cristina Connolly)

Cristina met with Adirondack Water Institute and they spoke about doing an in-classroom activity. They asked her to write up the curriculum and coordinate it. Floating classrooms were improved this season and we will continue to offer them in 2020. Meeting to be held in January with State Parks (Data Collection Service) WISPA training will be held in January (Syracuse) and it was suggested Cristina attend.

OLD BUSINESS:

Docufree has picked up the files to scan

Employee Manual: Kathy Simmonds is working on.

Buoys: Cristina received a call with Marine Patrol. They liked the idea of a row with 3 buoys, to mark as a no wake zone. SLPID will meet with Marine Patrol and the DA office again.

Cristina will host a table at the Educational Seminar on November 20 showcasing Zebra Mussels.

NEW BUSINESS:

Cristina met with Craig Warner, Town of Malta Planning Board. The town is updating its Comprehensive Plan and would like SLPID to write a letter of support regarding commercial development near the lake. Dean may review the Comprehensive Plan, minimizing stormwater impact on the lake.

Facility – Cristina has reached out to several facilities around the lake for SLPID office space.

At 7:25 pm A MOTION WAS MADE to suspend the meeting for Executive Session for the purpose of Personnel, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kathy Simmonds, MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting was called back to order by Cristina Connolly.

Kathy Simmonds MADE A MOTION to award the Weed Harvesting Crew a bonus / Performance pay  
Bob Han as Supervise will be awarded - \$1,500. Lonnie Van Buren- \$1,225 Dave Kellogg -\$900  
Second by Tom Carringi. All in favor, Cristina Connolly abstained from vote

Kathy Simmonds MADE A MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Walter Supley, MOTION  
CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah Curto  
SLPID Recording Secretary