



**SLPID Meeting Minutes
Malta Community Center and Zoom
April 21, 2022, at 3:00 p.m.**

Call to Order: Cristina Connolly, in absence of Chair Kathy Simmonds, 3:00 p.m.

Roll Call Commissioners present: Mazzotti, Carrangi

Absent: Simmonds, Baker

Staff present: Cristina Connolly, Lake District Administrator

Consultants: Dean Long

Public: Barbara Conner

PRESENTATIONS:

Public Comment: None.

Secretary report (SLPID Chair)

***Present March 2022 minutes.**

Discussion: Past minutes were emailed out for review. No Comments.

Treasurer report (Commissioner Mazzotti)

Discussion: Commissioner Mazzotti presented the Treasurer report balanced through the end of March. Income for the month stands at a little over \$9K. The municipalities and the County's cash receipts have been received and posted, increasing revenue for the year to over \$434,000. This will also correct the bottom-line deficit showing on the profit and loss of \$35,000. You will see this reflected in next month's Treasurers report.

Expenses for the year are within the budgeted amounts, as you can see by the attached schedule – Budget vs. Actual 2022. Payroll and payroll-related expenses will comprise most of the spending thru the summer months as the hiring of seasonal staffing increases.

***Lake Administrator report: (Cristina Connolly)**

Discussion: **Safety** – no accidents to report.

Lake Steward report Everything is falling into place to be ready for the summer season. All stewards are confirmed to be hired. There will be several new hires, and Cristina is currently putting training material together, attending the manager trainings with DEC and the Wispa manager training programs.

Administrator report: Cristina is Scheduling outreach events.

The first event will be at browns beach on June 4^{from} 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., and a flyer will be sent out to everyone when it is complete. This event will be on stormwater-runoff prevention for properties. There will be a model rain garden demo. Presenters will be Dan Buckley, who will be offering assessments and suggestions on improving stormwater run-off for individual properties. Cristina said Dan Buckley has been a great help to SLPID.

Blue Neils with County Stormwater and Marcia, a master gardener with Cornell cooperative extension, will attend with information. Two members from the Labella group working with the Town of Stillwater on the waterfront revitalization program will also be presenting.

There will be a second outreach program on lake quality and aquatic invasives, with Dean being the main presenter. Cristina will also invite someone from PRISM to discuss Aquatic Invasive species in Saratoga lake. Cristina is leaving the date up to Dean's availability.

Cristina is coordinating with Adirondack Watershed Institute (AWI) with a Junior Watershed Steward Program for ages 7-12 to become familiar with AIS and watersheds. The program consists of a workbook that can be completed online (editable pdf) to be completed. The Junior Steward shadows the SLPID Stewards at the boat launch, asks a few short questions, and receives a Junior Watershed Steward welcome kit (sticker, certificate, maybe a giveaway item such as a towel or frisbee). We are hoping to have this together at some point this summer.

She is also discussing with AWI about Hosting an event during Adirondack Water Week celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Clean Water Act. Cristina said she is hoping to host this at the City Waterfront Park to target a different crowd of non-motorized watercraft and will ask the City if it is a possibility.

She is also hoping for one floating classroom event similar to last year, which was small on Aquatic invasive i.d., depending on getting a boat. The larger floating classrooms partnering with AWI are not available this summer but possibly in the fall.

Everything has been ordered for the thermistor string project and the fluoroprobe. The GPS equipment will be next after the government paperwork gets approval.

A meeting is scheduled for May 24 at the County for the overlay district discussion. Currently, almost everyone has committed to attend.

Cristina missed the County Water Quality meeting last week. However, Dean did attend.

The municipality agreements were sent out. Supervisor Wood requested a letter updating SLPID accomplishments over the past two years that Cristina has been employed to show the town board. Feedback was that a \$2,000 increase at once is justifiable, supporting the SLPID administrator position. They are happy having one point of contact for SLPID with better communication and the improved efficiency of seeing projects completed and policies put in place. Supervisor Wood said the resolution was unanimous. Supervisor Kinowski of Stillwater signed the agreement the same day and had similar comments. The meeting with the mayor is next Monday.

The latest newsletter has been emailed and placed on social media and the SLPID website.

The open weed harvesting positions were advertised on the Labor Department site and the SLPID website. Next is a social media post.

The Town of Saratoga and the Quaker Fire Department will be setting their new dock in by the end of the month at Fitch road for the Quaker Springs Fire Department's new rescue boat.

There has been discussion on properties filling in for different and extra land use, concrete, and pressure-treated lumber for docks overhanging and in the lake. Dean and Cristina are getting together and will review the plot maps and draft a letter to DEC.

Bob is doing well with the bookkeeping transition. We have spent some time together streamlining the budget, and Bob is entering it into QuickBooks, so it is easier to track. For checks and balances, Cristina will review all bills. If any accounts are not paid with autopay, Cristina will write the check and upload the invoices to the drop box file for Bob to record. At next month's meeting, a Resolution will be needed to assign a second person to sign checks for an emergency.

There is an update on the property owner wanting to Expand the 5MPH zone. An email was sent by the property owner saying Assemblywoman Carrie Woerner is looking for comments. The property owner requests the 5MPH zone to go further out to the channel marker buoys just north of Water's Edge. Supervisor wood said he spoke with Carrie Woerner, who was very direct in her comments that she would not support a change in the law unless there is complete support for it. Supervisor Wood is not convinced that it is needed or would have an effect in terms of erosion or fish spawn. He mentioned there is also the 200 ft law. Supervisor Wood will forward the letter to the Town Board to discuss and answer the email.

Cristina said there was a discussion on a cyber security policy when Mr. Meager attended the January meeting. Mr. Meager stressed that you could not be too cautious about cyber-attacks. The policy would cover Network Security, Breach Mitigation, and Network Security Liability. Cristina asked if there was any more thought to SLPID getting a cyber security policy? Commissioner Mazzotti said to make sure it is discussed at the May meeting.

Commissioner Mazzotti and Commissioner Carringi advised Cristina if there is a need for Sarah Dorsey to go ahead and use Dorsey Tax and Accounting. Commissioner Carringi and Mazzotti instructed Cristina to go ahead with purchases needed, keeping them to the line items within the budget until the May meeting. Commissioner Mazzotti and Carringi advised Cristina to use the HR Manual for employees onboarding. After the Manual is approved at the May meeting, she can send a memo out confirming.

Lake Quality (Dean Long)

Discussion: Most of my work has been with Crissy with orders for materials plus consolidating the BioBase data and lessening the storage cost. Dean hopes to finish consolidating this month to get an accurate estimate for future storage and then recommend the future of BioBase.

Lake Level (Commissioner Carringi)

Discussion: Lake level is 203.50 on its way up

Old business – None

New business – None.

Meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN

The SLPID May 2022 regular meeting will be held on May 19, 2022, at 3:00 p.m. at the Malta Community Center.