



Town of St. Germain Lakes Committee

Town Lakes Committee Voting Members			
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Committee chairman: Ted Ritter ted.ritter@stg.town			

Meeting minutes, 09/15/2022

1. **Call to order:** Meeting called to order by Ritter at 10:00AM
2. **Confirm meeting posting:** Agenda was posted in accordance with Town Board procedures on 09/09/2022
3. **Verify a quorum in attendance:** Meeting was conducted by Ted Ritter in Room 4 of the St. Germain Community Center with a virtual option. Committee members physically present in Room 4: Don Baumann, Roy Seidl, Jeannie Lord, Barb Steinhilber, June Vogel, Tony Waisbrot, Jim Guckenber, Eric Eade, Bob Schell, Kay Schultz, Ted Ritter (Chairman). Len Larsen attended virtually.
4. **Confirm meeting posting:** Meeting agenda was posted in accordance with St. Germain Town Board posting practices on 09/09/2022.
5. **Discussion/action topics:**
 - a. **Approve minutes of August 18, 2022, meeting:** Motion Baumann, second Schultz to approve minutes as presented. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

b. Review boat patrol decisions of recent lake organizations' annual meetings, discuss if/how to proceed with patrol:

- Alma/Moon voted to implement boat patrol program
- Found voted not to implement boat patrol program
- Lost voted not to implement boat patrol program
- Big St. Germain neither voted nor mailed the info prepared by the Lakes Committee
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Ritter summarized the results of the annual meetings as placing the Committee in the same position as one year ago with the notable difference that many hundreds of property owners in the Big and Little St. Germain Districts had not received the informational materials made available to the Districts in June of 2022.

Motion Waisbrot, second Seidl:

*"I move that the chairman of the St. Germain Town Lakes Committee communicate this motion to the **WDNR warden supervisor and to the Vilas County Sheriff** to report that **WDNR Boat Patrol Program supported by WDNR grant funds to employ a part-time trained and certified officer has been voted down in all but one lake District in the Town of St. Germain partly through a vigorous and determined anonymous group effort.***

*This information is to be communicated in writing for the benefit of transparency and to create and verify a record of suspicious and apprehensive opposition to the **WDNR grant funded Boat Patrol Program offered by the State of Wisconsin by 4 out of 5 of the lake organizations in the Town of St. Germain.***

*This was in lieu of enforcement of boating laws by **WDNR wardens and the Recreational Officer with the Vilas County Sheriff's Department which is now not being provided. We are asking your advice on how to proceed so we can proclaim that "These lakes are patrolled for your safety".***

Motion passed 9:2

Motion Schell, second Baumann to table the boat patrol program. Motion passed 10:1

- c. Consider distribution of Rental Property Courtesy Notice:** Following discussion, Committee consensus was not to pursue distribution of a message of this nature as it goes beyond enforceable laws and would place the Committee in a perceived position of authority beyond which is has.
- d. Report on status of Town Board/Lakes Committee support of draft legislation to return shoreline zoning control to the counties' Zoning Departments:** Ritter reported that the Vilas County Zoning Committee has requested Vilas County Corporation Counsel to prepare a resolution in support of the draft legislation. The resolution will be presented by County Zoning to the County Board of Supervisors at an upcoming meeting. If adopted by the County Board, similar resolutions can then be considered by Vilas County Towns so that a consistent message of support can be heard from throughout the County. Ritter will monitor progress on this and update the Lakes Committee at its October meeting.
- e. Fisheries management plan status:** Waisbrot reported the DNR will be reducing permitting requirements for in-lake tree drops to encourage more woody structure for fish habitat.
- f. Review status of Facebook page / authorize additional page content:** Eade reported the Lakes Committee Facebook page now has 139 followers. Content of the page continues to expand.
- g. Approve lakes improvement spending requests:** There were none.

h. Committee concerns for future meeting agendas:

- Consider providing watercraft rental businesses with a modified version of the Committee's recently created WI Boating Laws flier.
- Consider drafting a Town/Lakes Committee resolution asking the DNR for more Warden dedication on St. Germain lakes.
- Continue review/discussion of the "enhanced wake" issue.
- Explore additional methods or sharing lake information
- Review/discuss recent water quality findings

6. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned by Ritter at 10:52AM. Next meeting 10/20/2022