



Town of St. Germain Lakes Committee

Town Lakes Committee Voting Members			
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Found Lake Property Owners Association	Bob Schell	Kay Schultz	Vacant
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Committee chairman: Ted Ritter ted.ritter@stg.town			

Meeting minutes, 12/15/2022

1. **Call to order:** Meeting called to order by Ritter at 10:00AM
2. **Confirm meeting posting:** Agenda was posted on 12/09/2022 in accordance with Town Board procedures
3. **Verify a quorum in attendance:** Meeting was conducted by Ted Ritter in Room 4 of the St. Germain Community Center with a virtual attendance option. Committee members physically present in Room 4: Joe Koschnik, Roy Seidl, June Vogel, Tony Waisbrot, Jim Guckenberg, Eric Eade, and Ted Ritter. Barb Steinhilber, Dave Zielinski, and Bob Schell attended virtually.
4. **Public comments:** There were none.
5. **Discussion/action topics:**
 - a. **Approve minutes of October 20, 2022, meeting;** Motion Eade, second Waisbrot to approve as presented. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

- b. **Review draft letter to Vilas Co. Sheriff and WDNR District Warden Supervisor:** Motion Waisbrot, second Koschnik to approve as presented and forward to intended recipients. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
- c. **Review draft resolution regarding increased WDNR warden presence on St. Germain lakes:** Ritter explained that two members of the Town Board want to discuss the idea of a resolution calling for restored law enforcement presence on town lakes with the Big and Little St. Germain Lake District Boards of Commissioners at upcoming meetings before the resolution is forwarded. The Town Board also questioned if such a resolution could/should come from the Town Board rather than from the Lakes Committee. Committee consensus was that; (1) the Committee has no objection to the resolution being sent from the Town Board rather than from the Committee; and (2) that the time it will take for Town Board members to meet with two lake districts and then for the Town Board to again convene to discuss the proposed resolution could surpass the existing window of opportunity available to influence the DNR to place one of its currently available recruits in the vacancy created by Warden Sealander's retirement.

Ritter suggested he try speaking with Warden Supervisor Bartelt after Bartelt receives the Committee letter approved in action item 5b to determine the likelihood of the Town having any influence on the WDNR's decision to fill the Sealander vacancy. The Committee felt that would be appropriate. No further action was taken.

- d. **Review plan for providing watercraft rental businesses with a modified version of WI Boating Laws flier:** Bob Schell and Jeannie Lord will present details for Committee consideration at February 2023 meeting. No action taken.
- e. **Continue review/discussion of the “enhanced wake” issue:** Schell confirmed this is a topic of rapidly growing concern statewide. Ritter has accepted an invitation from Catherine Higley of Vilas County Land and Water Conservation to represent the St. Germain Lakes Committee on a group she will be coordinating and to be known as the "Hazardous Wake Regulation Implementation Team". Details to follow after the first of the new year. No Committee action taken.
- f. **Fisheries management status:** Waisbrot reported ongoing fish stocking discussions between Eric Wegleitner and individual lake organizations. No Committee action taken.
- g. **Review status of Facebook page / authorize additional page content:** Eade reported the page currently has 155 followers and is being updated frequently with topics from varying sources who have agreed their documents will benefit from exposure to the Committee's Facebook page.
 - 1. **Aerators & Aeration Systems:** Motion Waisbrot second Vogel to include the WDNR document "Using Aerators and Aeration Systems" in both the Committee Library website page and on the Facebook page. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
- h. **Approve lakes improvement spending requests:** None requested
- i. **Committee concerns for future agendas:** Nothing more than continuation of current topics

6. **Adjourn:** Meeting was adjourned by Ritter at 10:52AM.