



# Town of St. Germain Lakes Committee

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Committee chairman: <b>Ted Ritter</b> ted.ritter@stg.town			

## Meeting minutes, 02/16/2023

1. **Call to order:** Meeting called to order by Ritter at 10:00AM
2. **Confirm meeting posting:** Agenda was posted on 02/09/2023 in accordance with Town Board procedures
3. **Verify a quorum in attendance:** Meeting was conducted by Chairman Ted Ritter in Room 4 of the St. Germain Community Center with a virtual attendance option. Committee members physically present in Room 4: Don Baumann, Roy Seidl, Jeannie Lord, Barb Steinhilber, June Vogel, Dave Zielinski, Tony Waisbrot, Eric Eade, Bob Schell, Kay Schultz and Ted Ritter. Also attending in Room 4: John Richter, Plum Lake.
4. **Public comments:** There were none.
5. **Discussion/action topics:**
  - a. **John Richter wake energy presentation:** Richter presented selected slides from presentations summarizing recent studies of destructive wave energy with an emphasis on boats designed to create large wakes. Two slides depicted the areas in Big and Little St. Germain Lakes where wake boats should be restricted based on study findings. He then promoted the concept of towns adopting local ordinances to restrict the use of environmentally harmful watercraft. No committee actions taken.

- b. **Continue review/discussion of the “enhanced wake” issue:** Schell, Lord, Eade and Ritter are registered to attend the Vilas County Land & Water Conservation Department sponsored "Local Regulation of Hazardous Wakes Workshop" in Boulder Junction on March 8, 2023. Ritter re-emphasized his concerns regarding a potential state-wide patchwork of local ordinances having little enforcement capability vs this problem being corrected as a non-partisan topic by the State Legislature.
  - c. **Approve minutes of January 19, 2023, meeting:** Motion Waisbrot, second Steinhilber to approve with the correction on one typo in section 5a. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
  - d. **Review Jeannie Lord/Bob Schell plan for providing watercraft rental businesses with a modified version of WI Boating Laws flier:** Schell presented drafts of two proposed key chain tags. Following discussion, the consensus of the committee was to proceed with researching design and printing options. Motion Eade, second Baumann to spend up to \$500 in initial development/production. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
  - e. **Review Town Board action of 02/13/2023 regarding adoption of resolution supporting restoring counties' authority for shoreland zoning restrictions more stringent than NR 119:** Ritter distributed copies of the resolution adopted by the Town Board and the letter accompanying the resolution when forwarded by the Town Clerk to Governor Evers, Senator Felzkowski and Representative Swearingen. Ritter stated the resolution is a public record and can be forwarded by anyone to additional State Legislators who may be supportive of this topic. No committee action taken.
  - f. **Consider inviting Vilas County Recreation Officer to attend a future meeting to continue discussing the need for increased law enforcement presence:** Motion Waisbrot, second Schell to table indefinitely. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
  - g. **Facebook page update:** Eade reported the number of followers is remaining consistent at about 160. The page is being updated and refreshed by Eade frequently with information and documents generated by organizations who encourage the Town to share their information. Ritter reported the Town Board is likely to soon create its own Facebook page following the standards of operation adopted by the Lakes Committee.
  - h. **Approve lakes improvement spending requests:** Motion Eade, second Schell to approve the Alma/Moon Lake District request to release its 2023 allocation of \$846 for use in support of the District's WDNR grant supported shoreline assessment and restoration program. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
  - i. **Committee concerns for future agenda:**
    - Report by attendees of the March 8 Boulder Junction Local Regulation of Hazardous Wakes Workshop
    - Ongoing monthly updates from the Fisheries Management Team
6. **Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned by Ritter at 11:33 AM

Minutes prepared by Chairman Ritter