

TOWN OF SAINT GERMAIN LAKES COMMITTEE

Chair – Ted Ritter

Co-chair – Lee Holthaus

Alma/Moon

K. Beier
D. Zielinski

Big St. Germain

M. Deets
J. Penkalski

Found

R. Gawrys
C. Their/D. Kloepfer

Little St. Germain

T. Best
K. Stofflet

Lost

J. D'Amico
B. Wissing

Chamber

R. Watson

LAKES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

October 21, 2003

Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm in the Red Brick Building.

Committee members present: Ken Beier, Dave Zielinski, Mike Deets, Jim Penkalski, Ron Gawrys, Chuck Their, Tom Best, Ken Stofflet, Bob Wissing, Lee Holthaus and Ted Ritter. Jim D'Amico was absent.

Ted and Lee updated the committee on the recent actions by the town board concerning both resolutions:

1. The board adopted verbatim the VCLA resolution calling upon the State of Wisconsin to begin providing funding for aquatic exotic species programs. The resolution will be forwarded to elected representatives with a cover letter.
2. The board adopted the resolution drafted by the Lakes Committee but reduced the monetary commitment for 2004 to \$25,000 with no continuing commitment for future years at this point.

The request from the Little Saint Germain Lake District for matched funding in the amount of \$25,000 for its 2004 exotic species management plan was considered. Several committee members suggested that it would be inappropriate to commit all of this year's town allotment to one lake. Pat Goggin suggested that some of the funds be dedicated to aquatic plant surveys on St. Germain lakes that haven't had surveys done recently. He felt that Little Saint has a good handle on its plant population and that Big Saint would benefit from his department's plan to monitor that lake if/when his grant application is approved. Lost, Found, Fawn, Content and possibly Stella and Alma/Moon lakes might benefit from a current plant inventory. Pat said he will provide details on the cost of such studies at the next meeting but felt that \$2,500 per lake is in the ball park. Half of the cost for each lake could be paid by the lake organizations and half from the \$25,000 town allotment for 2004. Ted suggested that training sessions conducted by the Lakes Committee could benefit local residents who could then continue monitoring lake plants once the initial plant inventories were completed.

Suggestions were made that some of the initial \$25,000 also be held aside for response to any lakes that might develop needs for exotic species management

within the next year. It is understood that no lake will obtain any portion of the town funding without being able to match funding.

Motion by Jim Penkalski, second by Rich Watson to provide Little Saint Germain Lake with \$10,000 for their 2004 exotics management plan. Motion later amended by Penkalski with amendment seconded by Watson to provide Little Saint Germain with \$12,000 in 2004. Amended motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Ted Ritter and Mike Deets will attend a meeting with Laura Herman and Jennifer Wudi at the DNR Rhinelander office on October 23rd to discuss progress of the Saint Germain Town Lakes Committee and to learn about possible upcoming funding opportunities. Anyone else who is available to attend is welcome to do so. Ted will provide a report on the meeting at the next monthly Lakes Committee meeting.

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, November 18, 7:00pm at the Red Brick Building. Discussion of prevention programs will continue at that time.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45.