

Stockbridge Bowl Stewardship Committee
Friday July 1, 2022

Present: Roxanne McCaffrey (RM), Michael Nathan (MN), Gary Kleinerman (GK), Michael Buffoni (MB), John Loiodice (JL), Patrick White (PW) and John Hart (JH).

The meeting was called to order by John Loiodice at 8:00 a.m.

Reorganization – JL asked PW about reorganization, it's up to the members to choose the chairperson and the vice chairperson. MN nominated RM as chairperson, GK 2nd it. All were in favor, RM was named chairperson. RM asked if JL would like to continue as vice chairperson, he asked if anyone else would like to be nominated. MN nominated JL, RM 2nd it. All were in favor, JL is vice chairperson.

Discuss Frequency & Schedule of Meetings – RM quoted from the bylaws that March-November there has to be 2 meetings a month, during the winter months there could be one. She reviewed they voted back in the fall to do their meetings on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the months as this has worked for everyone, they also welcomed John Hart to the committee. The committee agreed on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month at 8:00 a.m. to be their designated meeting days, if there is no quorum or hybrid doesn't work RM will call a make up meeting that could be on the 2nd or 4th Friday of the month.

Review Status of Lake Management Plan (LMP)/Determine Next Steps to Finalize LMP – RM reached out to GZA on June 27th, Steve Roy & Chris Main, they have not contacted her back.

Update on Dredging Project Permitting Progress – Michael Canales contacted GZA back in May for an update, nothing had been heard from them. He heard from them on July 11th, a spreadsheet of the costs was handed out to the committee. There will be an additional cost of \$100,000-\$112,000 to do the dredging, PW asked about what the spreadsheet represented. MC went over the categories, RM asked questions and MC answered them. MN asked about the water quality certification, Gregg Wellenkamp may need to be in on this conversation. MN asked if anything has been paid yet, MC will look into this. The committee needs to talk to GZA about procedures and how to follow through with them, PW pointed out that the water quality certification hasn't started yet. RM stated that the original budget for this project needs to be looked into, what was the SBSC numbers and how they have changed. MC suggested that these numbers do need to be updated, MN stated when GZA gave them the quote. A copy needs to be sent to Gregg, MN suggested a meeting should be had with GZA, RM, MC and Gregg to straighten this all out.

Stakeholder Updates –

Board of Health – Represented by Jim Wilusz

Water Department – Represented by Mike Buffoni

Water & Sewer Commission – Represented by John Loiodice
Stockbridge Bowl Association – Represented by Michael Nathan
Selectboard – Represented by Patrick White
Stockbridge Harbormaster – Represented by Gary Kleinerman
Stockbridge Sportsmen's Club – Represented by Roxanne McCaffrey

Public Comment – PW stated a study was done 3 years ago of the flora and fauna that is around Stockbridge, a list was made of what they found. MN & RM suggested getting a student from UMASS to do a study of what is out there, RM will contact UMASS. PW asked Pat Kennelly about the new test plots, MC stated while these test plots are being located they are holding off on the dredging. He also updated that there are proposed test plots and new active test plots that cannot be entered, MC left a message for Brian Harrington @ the DEP. SBA is working as fast as they can to try to get this finalized so they can get the harvester in these areas. MN asked PK about a timeline, a 1st submission was sent and they replied a week to 10 days. The test plots are different from the original ones stated, PK will put in a call to the DEP. PW stated a call needs to be put into the NHESP also as they are involved in this. MN suggested to PK that an email also be sent to Misty Ann Merrill, PK stated that when she sends the email she will CC everyone. MN asked about a harvester report, MC hasn't taken any action on it. The committee discussed the harvester and their plans, PW added a couple facts. MN went over the statistics of the harvester, they will further discuss this at future meetings. MN explained about these new harvesters that are being used around the world, he went into detail on how they are used. RM asked MB when water testing will be done next, they are going out on July 6th to get samples and GZA will be joining them. GK stated a new mollusk has been found in Lake Onota that is a new species, they are watching carefully for it at the Stockbridge Bowl boat ramp. PW asked about staffing at the beach, an advertisement was put out for 2 months and no one applied for the positions. MC said there are people doing spot checks during the day.

There being no other business, JL adjourned the meeting at 8:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Touponce, Secretary
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