

Stockbridge Bowl Stewardship Committee  
Friday October 1, 2021

Present: Jamie Minacci, Roxanne McCaffrey, Michael Buffoni, Gary Kleinerman, John Loiodice, Charlie Kenny, members of the public. Absent: Michael Nathan, Jim Wilusz and Gary Johnston. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Minacci at 8:00 a.m.

Approve Minutes from 09/17/2021 – These minutes were approved.

Agenda Items to Discuss: by those present:

Updates on Boat Launch/Zebra Mussel Station – GK updated that everything is going ok at the boat launch, it will be closing for the season on October 11. On September 30 there was a meeting with Jim McGrath, the harbor master from Onota Lake. They went over what the zebra mussel station does, how many boats they see each year and they also talked about sharing of information about boats coming out of Laurel Lake and being put into Stockbridge Bowl. GK said they can see what boats have been washed, he also updated that the test markers and the docks will be coming out of the water today. CK made an interesting observation about the 2 lakes, Stockbridge Bowl sees more boats than Onota Lake. GK asked what the numbers were, there is no definite number yet but Stockbridge has double the amount than Onota.

Update on Most Current Water Testing (Bowl) – MB said testing was done on September 30, the thermal cline and turbidity layer is up to 6 meters (18'). The water is pretty cloudy, he sent pictures to Chris Main as he would like to get his opinion but hasn't received a response yet. RM asked about the numbers, MB updated that they are high. He noted that the air temperature and weather conditions are a big factor, the water was at 64 degrees. RM added that the algae is at the 6-meter mark, samples have been sent out. MB will be testing the water in October and November, he will be in touch with the GZA to get the results. CK thanks MB for all of the testing that he has been doing, MB went over the testing factors.

Update on Progress on Lake Management Plan – RM has been in touch with Steven Roy, she brought the copy of the report and she will put it online electronically. They need to discuss the goals, what their priorities are and what the next steps are, RM did an assessment of the wildlife. This isn't in the report but what insects do they need to be concerned about. This will be put on the agenda for their next meeting, they will go over the report and discuss it. JM asked if October 15 their next meeting would be enough time for everyone to review this report, everyone agreed. RM went over a little about what is in the packet she handed out, the level of milfoil needs to be updated. MB stated he has emailed the Division of Fish and Wildlife about the inventories of what is in the water, he is waiting to hear from them. RM talked about the birds that are nesting here and the migratory birds.

Update on Progress on Dredging Plan – MN was not in attendance for this meeting, RM updated that the permitting process is under way. She hasn't read the report yet, she will update at their next meeting.

Update(s) for any Other Pertinent Information – CK said the Josh Billings went well, the town pitched in and everyone deserves a pat on the back. RM said the Selectboard gave praise to the Town of Stockbridge employees, from water/sewer to the highway department. JM & JL discussed going forward will the meetings be going to once a month, RM said the bylaws state that this can happen. GK brought up that they can also schedule an emergency meeting if needed.

There being no other business, JM adjourned the meeting at 8:20 a.m. and reminded everyone that the next meeting will be at 8 a.m. on October 15, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Touponce, Secretary  
October 4, 2021