

Stockbridge Bowl Stewardship Committee
Friday August 20, 2021

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

Open Meeting & Announcements – JM discussed open meeting laws and meetings have to be posted 48 hours before if they are being conducted outside of the town hall.

Approve Minutes from 08/06/2021 – The minutes of the previous meeting of August 6, 2021 were discussed.

Agenda Items to Discuss: by those present:

Harvesting Update & Progress – RM updated that they have been harvesting since last Friday, it's going well. There's a slight leak in the hydraulic line, Hugh Page is going to go fix it this morning and harvesting will continue later on today. MN added that he wants to look into what areas were harvested and which ones need to be completed.

Boat Ramp & Zebra Mussel Station Updates – GK said there is no real update, the mussel wash station will be closing October 11th for the season and they will be keeping one porta potty there.

Town Beach Updates – JM introduced Steven Knopf, he is the manager of the town beach. SK stated he has an updated plan to improve the parking lot and the swimming area, they have a firm to do the plans. They want 2 tiers of parking, one regular and one for handicap. The plan is funded by the town warrant, they would like to use town labor and equipment. RM informed that she is hoping they can get the permits and the work can start after the summer season, it's on hold until they get the permits. The only complaints about the beach were the geese and the weeds, due to staffing shortages the goose poop and weeds can't be cleaned up every day. RM said she has been to the beach twice, the first time it was clean and the second time it was a little messy. With the issue with the weeds the depth needs to be checked to see if they can get the harvester in this area, they will have to look at the map to see if the depth is ok. MN said the ropes would be an issue, next week they will coordinate a day to move the ropes and harvest this area. RM will also confirm to see if the work on the parking lot will begin this fall, she asked SK about the design of the lot. He said it has been provided to the town hall so they can take a look at it, he will try to do an electric format and will send it over so it can be posted on the town's website. Anita Schwerner asked SK a few questions, the first one being about the floating docks. SK informed they were replaced last year but they have not been put in the water due to Covid and lack of staff, when the beach can be fully staffed they will be put out.

Her next question was about the swimming area, SK added that there is a plan to enlarge the swimming area. RM added that having the kayak racks near the beach maybe they can talk to the Conservation Commission to see if the kayaks can be put on their area to make more room on the beach, SK informed that they are coming up with a plan about moving them or removing them completely.

Dredging Process/Updates – MN said RM is on top of the town dredging, she has gotten quotes. This project will cost between \$4,000,000-4,500,000 to complete, she would like to get a better accounting on a monthly level from the GZA on the work that is being done. She wants to make sure they give a monthly report, RM advised that Michael Canales will be checking in to see what can and can't be done. JM asked who the monthly report would go to, it would go to the town administrator. It will be a 2-4 month report, there are regulations that need to be followed. MN brought up where the money will come from and the time line, they need to talk with the GZA.

Water testing in August – CK informed that the water is being tested daily, they sent a report on the testing comparing last year to this year. He couldn't upload the report so he gave brief details on it, he is going to get a copy of this report online so town residents can review it. MB was absent so CK gave updates. Last July to this July—This year there is a higher colony of bacteria than last year, the biomass is greater also. The stratification is 7 meters, MN informed that on the east side of the lake there is a mossy foamy green patch that is floating on the surface. He wasn't sure what this was, CK will meet up with MN so he can take a look and access it. CK informed it would be a variation of things, possibly isolated regional blooms. RM reported that she has sent the data sheet on Wednesday over to the GZA. JL gave an update for Water/Sewer, there was a meeting on August 10th. Lake Drive was brought up about being put on town sewer, because the lines are so old they are afraid there could be a sewer leak into the water. A plan will have to be put in place and funding will have to be looked into.

Any Pertinent Info/Questions from Committee - GK informed that the buoys will come out of the water before the Josh Billing race, this takes place on September 19th.

There being no other business, Chair Minacci adjourned the meeting at 9:10 a.m. Chair Minacci reminded everyone that the next meeting would be at 8 a.m. on September 3.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Touponce, Secretary August 25, 2021