

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
FRIDAY, JUNE 28, 2019 AT 8:30 AM**

- 1. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 8:30 AM.**
- 2. FINANCE COMMITTEE ATTENDEES: JAY BIKOFSKY, JIM BALFANZ, NEIL HOLDEN, DIANE REUSS, JIM MCMENAMY AND STEVE SHATZ**
- 3. TOWN ADMINISTRATION ATTENDEES: ROXANNE MCCAFFREY, SELECT BOARD AND DR. CHARLES KENNY, BOARD OF HEALTH**
- 4. THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF THIS MEETING WAS FOR THE FINANCE COMMITTEE TO REVIEW A REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A CYANO-BACTERIA MONITORING 2019 STUDY, WHICH HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN APPROVED BY THE SELECT BOARD AT THEIR JUNE 27, 2019 MEETING.**

DR. KENNY REVIEWED FOR THE FINANCE COMMITTEE THE DEVELOPMENT OF HARMFUL ALGAE CYANOBACTERIA BLOOMS FOUND IN STOCKBRIDGE BOWL HE ADDED THAT SEVERAL INDUSTRY EXPERTS WERE CONSULTED INCLUDING GEOENVIRONMENTAL, INC. (GZA) AND ECO SYSTEM CONSULTING SERVICES, INC. (ECS) ON THIS MATTER.

HE WENT ON TO MENTION, AS THE BOWL'S WATER QUALITY SAMPLES HAD NOT BEEN ROUTINELY COLLECTED, THAT GZA PROPOSED A ONE TIME PROFESSIONAL LAKE SAMPLING AND TRAINING OF TOWN COLLECTION VOLUNTEERS BE INSTITUTED. DR. KENNY ADDED THAT GZA AND ECS WOULD PROVIDE THE TRAINING TO THE TOWN VOLUNTEER MONITORS FOR COLLECTION OF WATER QUALITY MEASUREMENTS AND SAMPLES FOR ANALYSIS. THE COLLECTED SAMPLES WOULD THEN BE PROFESSIONALLY ANALYZED AND REVIEWED WITH THE FINDINGS PRESENTED IN A REPORT.

DR. KENNY CONCLUDED THAT GZA AND ECS WOULD TRAIN THE TOWN'S VOLUNTEERS TO PROPERLY COLLECT WATER QUALITY MEASUREMENTS AND WATER SAMPLES FOR PROFESSIONAL ANALYSIS AS WELL AS COMPILE AND REVIEW THE FINDINGS IN A MEMO STYLE REPORT FOR A TOTAL FEE OF \$9,990.00. HE MENTIONED THAT THE REPORT FINDINGS WOULD SERVE AS THE BASIS FOR A FUTURE COMPREHENSIVE 2020 LAKE STUDY PLAN.

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTED 6-0 TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF STUDY PRESENTED FOR \$9,990.00. THE COMMITTEE ALSO RECOMMENDED REVIEW BY LEGAL COUNSEL OF THE CONTRACT TO BE SIGNED, A DETAILED REVIEW OF THE 2020 PROPOSED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, RESEARCH OF AVAILABLE STATE FUNDING AND AN ANALYSIS OF OUTCOMES OF SIMILAR SITUATIONS.

- 5. THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED; 9AM**

