

## CPWL Meeting Minutes May 28, 2014

16 were in attendance and the meeting was called to order at 7:09pm

### **Minutes from the last meeting**

Minutes were read

**Motion was made and seconded to approve the meeting minutes from the last meeting, motion passed**

### **Treasurer's Report**

- Jeff announced that Treasurer Jay Ruotolo will not be present due to an unexpected Zoning Board Meeting.
- Checking account balance from October 2012 meeting was \$12,725.87
- From October 2012 thru May 27, 2013 an additional \$3940.00 was collected in dues, giving us a total of \$16,665.87
- In October we allocated \$5000.00 to work on the left side of West Greenville Rd & Spillway, a meeting with the dam maintenance committee was held due receiving notices of violations from DEM, with an inspection date of July 14th and it was agreed to work on correction these violations.
- Expenses totaled \$12,025.83, leaving a current checking account balance of \$4640.04
- It was noted that IRS filings are up to date and this info should be read in the meeting minutes

**Motion was passed and seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report**

### **Water Quality Report**

- Water clarity moderate range, but in the higher moderate range dropping slightly during mid to late October which is typical
- Chlorophyll & elevated alge levels were reported from May to October with an extreme jump from August through October.
- Nancy read a multi summary from 2006 -2013, showing an increase in chlorophyll levels suggesting a trend in elevated alge over the last several years.

- Water temp range was 68 degrees and dropping off in Sept/Oct
- The recommended levels for Ecoli is a maximum of 61/100 mils. The results are as follows;
  - Rt 44 Tributary- 325.5 in July dropping to 61 in October
  - Saw Mill Rd - 176.8 in July dropping to 22 in October
  - Aldrich Rd – 42 in July no October results
  - Golf course – 98 in July no results in October
- In conclusion water clarity –moderate, chlorophyll- elevated, Phosphorus & Nitrogen – remain in moderate levels, however nitrogen tested high in Aldrich tributary in July

**Motion made and seconded to approve the Water Quality Report.  
Motion passed.**

### **President's Report**

- Smithfield will now fund the water testing through URI, but will only pay for 2 tributaries. The cost of adding a tributary is \$300/ per tributary. In the past we tested 4 tributaries, for now it is suggested to cycle through the 4 and test them bi annually.
- Contact was made with Linda Steere, owner of Camp Russell, she seemed more willing to contribute to CPWL.
- Mailed out the requests for the last two years of dues and hope to receive a minimum of \$500 from Linda.
- Article was posted in the Observer giving credit to Patty Nugent and the Gregson Foundation, and spreading the word of CPWL's efforts on Waterman Lake.
- Patty Nugent was taken to dinner, she hopes to make future donations to CPWL, however funds for this year had already been allocated.
- Dues campaign is critical for this year, as per a letter received from DEM this past November. The violations are expected to be inspected on July 14<sup>th</sup>, not giving us much time to accomplish the work.

**Motion made and seconded to accept the President's Report.  
Motion passed.**

## **Dam Maintenance Report**

- The 12k dollars spent on the dam work consisted of finishing the work on West Greenville Rd (rip rap, 120 feet of cement work, re-grading, grass planting is now complete. Fill was donated to the left of Ray Steere's property which was graded to make the access to cut the grass easier.
- We have completed about 85% of the DEM violations to date.
- Our goal & top priority is now the area on the left side of Pineledge Rd, behind the Lambert's home. This area is speculated to cost about 20k of maintenance to complete. However, we hope that possibly 10k of improvements will satisfy DEM.
- Our biggest concern with the upcoming DEM inspection scheduled for July 14<sup>th</sup> is for DEM to require us to hire an engineering firm to draw up plans for improvement, as this could be very costly.
- Mowing's are totaling about 6000k at 4 mowings per year.
- Based on our current financial status (bank balance of \$4640.04 and potential dues collected this week of \$2000) we have only enough funds to cover the costs of cuttings. For now we will wait and see what funds come in before any funds are allocated for the Pineledge Rd area.

**Motion made and seconded to accept the Dam Maintenance Report. Motion Passed.**

## **Fundraising Report**

- No definite plans for a summer Fundraiser, considerations are a simple gathering at Chester's or Restaurant 747, with hope to raise a few thousand dollars towards the dam violations.
- Last summer's event proved to be a lot of work with lack of volunteers.
- Suggestions are welcome
- It was noted that a no fuss, simple kid's event like in the years past attracting families may be successful.

## **Fireworks Display Fundraising**

- Date is scheduled for July 5<sup>th</sup>
- Stay tuned, current balance of funds is around \$600,  
The cost of the show is around \$5000. We usually get larger donations from the usual businesses.

## **Old/New Business**

- Jeff recommends updating some the language that is written in the current By-Laws, as it is outdated. Phil Vial volunteers to meet with Jeff regarding this.
- Vice President Ken Robertson suggested the possibility of members having the option of paying future dues up front now and receiving credit for those payments in effort to help fund the expense of the DEM violations. However, Jeff felt that that method could offset the funds needed for regular maintenance in the future.
- Another suggestion was made to send out notices of assessments, but Jeff noted that our hands are tied as far as demanding payment.
- It was decided to wait and see what the results of the DEM inspection is come July and address it accordingly.

**Motion made and seconded to accept Fundraising/Old & New Business.  
Motion Passed.**

**Motion to adjourn and seconded to adjourn. Motion passed.**

**Meeting concluded at 7:53 pm**