

Lake Committee Meeting

Date: Wednesday, February 25, 2021

Stump Removal:

- The committee invited Mark Johnson, owner of Stump Boat, a stump cutting company out of Georgia to attend our meeting on Feb 2nd. In the end this idea turned out not to be viable on cost 25K+ for 100 stumps and logistics of getting his 14k lbs. 28' boat in and out of the water.
- We also looked into working with a private diver but found no one. The reality is we were not going to get rid of all the stumps, we would only be reducing the number. These stumps have been here for 50+ years, this lake is swallow with boulders, rocks and debris.
- We then discussed the safety concerns with floating platforms and Paddle boards which users may be prone to fall/jump or dive off.
 - ❖ The solutions discussed: Place a warning buoy in South Cove where the rocks extend out from the shore.
 - ❖ Beach signs posted at each beach given notice to the shallowness of the lake and that swimming is 'At your own risk'.
 - ❖ Have designated swimming areas at our beaches (ropes, buoys).
 - ❖ Put out a newsletter each summer reviewing lake safety.
 - ❖ Create a By-Law which addresses certain floating devices.

Recommendation:

- The Lake Committee requests Board approval to seek legal counsel from an attorney specializing in liability surrounding the issue of floating platforms and paddleboards. Help us determine the best strategies concerning , safety, signage and liability as related to recreational use of the lake.
- Lake Gauge:

The lake committee is asking the Board to approve funds to purchase and have a lake gauge installed in the spring or summer by the Pond and Lake Connection. The total cost is \$428.00. An invoice has been submitted.

- **Bathymetric Map:**

The only bathymetric map we are aware of was done in 1959. The majority of the committee felt that we need the bathymetric map as a baseline to understand what is going on with our lake and help us in making sound decisions with any future lake improvements. Without a baseline, we will have no way of measuring the effects of anything we do.

Others felt knowing the lake is shallow, we would be better served having the \$4050 go into a fund earmarked for future use in reducing the muck.

We are asking the Board to vote on whether we proceed with the mapping. The cost quoted by The Pond and Lake Connection is \$4,050.00, it can be scheduled for April and the funds are available in our existing lake budget.

Water Testing:

The existing By-Law states the water testing to be done during the first two weeks of July. Hopefully this By-Law can be changed to read Mid-June having the results prior to July 4th. We have a quote of \$1,500 from the Pond and Lake Connection but this has been done by volunteers in the past. Lake Committee members Dave Chalifoux and James Nicholson have volunteered to collect the samples. This effort saves us over \$1,000. Thank you to both.

- **Beach Cleanup:**

We are asking the Board for funds to take down 2 trees on West Shore Beach the beaver is making it his personal mission to accomplish. The trees have become a danger. The approximate cost per tree has been \$1100, so we are asking for these funds.

- **Beach Erosion:**

Shore beach and West Shore beaches are in need of having perforated pipe and stone installed to prevent further erosion. I believe this was approved during January's BOG meeting, but because of the lack of volunteers this work was not accomplished. President Jay Casella will be asking Bravo Landscaping to give us a quote. We will see if we have other options, and update the Board at our next meeting.

We have 3 lake blankets that can be put into place prior to the growing season. We need volunteers for this project. They are presently in storage.

The entrance to West Shore beach will have a hook, instead of a lock, thereby giving association members access to the beach when needed.

An association member made Lake Committee members and the Board aware that someone is using a bubbler to protect their dock. The lake committee did discuss this issue, with differing opinions. Some felt you can visually see the danger, others felt light snow cover could be a danger. Some felt it inhibits the ice fishing in the channel as the affect of this bubbler reached 20 to 25' beyond the dock. Others felt perhaps a By-Law change is in order here.

- **Volunteers:**

This cannot be expressed enough. We need volunteers.

Lake blankets work, but not if they're in storage...we need help in putting them in the water and retrieving them at the end of the season.

Beach cleanup - anything we can do, we don't have to pay a landscaping company, let them do the big stuff.