

## **HIDDEN LAKE**

### **Aquatic Wildlife Management Sub Committee**

Meeting Minutes 8.9.2021

Location: 23 Ledge Rd.

Meeting called to order at 1:05

Volunteers Present:

Committee Members:

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### **AGENDA:**

#### **I. Review of Meetings**

- **Review of HLA AWMC minutes from 8/16**
- **Review: HLA BOG Meeting 8/30**
  - ⇒ Hand out was well received by the membership and BOG—lots of positive feedback
  - ⇒ Vote on the purchase of the fencing (All but 1 voted to purchase the fencing)
- **Beaver Sightings and Real Time Activity Update**
  - ⇒ Any beaver sightings? Members mentioned sparse sightings
  - ⇒ Send information about sightings to Keha

#### **II. Ongoing Projects**

- **Progress report on HLA Wildlife Handout #1**
  - ⇒ Jay will get the paper to make the 50 copies of the handout for committee members to put on the mailboxes
  - ⇒ MB will send PDF to Jay so that he can email it to all participants
- **Update: Beaver Hut Signage**
  - ⇒ Jay will get the signs in soon
- **Update: HLA membership outreach (awareness and volunteer to support committee work)**
  - ⇒ Karin reached out to be involved in the committee—Keha is in contact with her and will invite her to the next meeting
  - ⇒ Ideas for outreach
    - Mailing list
    - Going door to door
    - HLA FaceBook
- **Update: Tree Protection Project - wire status and distribution**
  - ⇒ Jay will purchase grey wire instead of the black because the black is so much more expensive

⇒ Committee members will decide on a date for wrapping the trees once wire is purchased

- **Tree Protection Instructions**

⇒ Keha is working on putting together a handout on how to wrap the trees—option to paint the trees as well

⇒ CT DEP Bureau of Natural Resources Wildlife Division—Beavers in CT, good resources

- **Need for fundraising and if so possible fundraising ideas?**

⇒ Shirts—Kaylee can make the logo for the T-shirts

⇒ Mailings

⇒ Working with kids—birdhouses

### **III. New Business**

- **Introduction of “WENS”**

⇒ Wildlife Emergency Notification System (WENS)—Notification network

⇒ Can use FaceBook

⇒ Text WENS at the beginning of the text if there is a need to notify everyone of a concern

- **Discussion of the dynamics of a start-up committee and how to measure efficacy**

⇒ How do we measure efficacy?

- End of next year revisit this

- Keep track of reception of initiatives at BOG meetings

- **Discussion on the crossover between Lake Beautification committee and AWMC**

⇒ Keha, Kerri, Betty—meet with Sandy to see what the AWMC can take on

⇒ Jay gave history of Beautification Committee and fundraising

⇒ Merge the work of planting around the lake

- **Any other Ideas?? Suggestions?? Discussion??**

⇒ Community garden—find HLA property

⇒ Jay mentioned land up by the shed

**Spring Newsletter**-Invasive plants/native plants, fertilizer-non-harmful chemical for the lawn, plantings along the waters' edge

**Next meeting date: October 14, 5:30-7:30 36 Lone Pine Trail**