

Sturbridge Lakes Advisory Committee

12/05/13

Agenda Minutes

7:00 PM

Sturbridge Town Hall

Attendees:

Co-Chairs: Laurie Palmer Marit Tasse

BOS: Mary Redetzke (BOS)

Dave Mitchell

Cheryl Wood Creeden

Joel Casaubon

John O'Brien

Diane LeBlanc (Volunteer)

Bruce Gran

Kristen Hudzik

Terri Ricard

Bob White

Chris Mazeika

• **Call Meeting to Order**

- Called to order at 7:00PM by Laurie Palmer

• **Minutes from 09/19/13 Meeting**

- Minutes approved with the following change:
 - John O'Brien amended minutes under "OLD BUSINESS" in reference to SLAC Activity/Expense Fund as follows:
Donations to the fund must have letter from each Lake Association stating "For use as SLAC deems fit."
- Motion: John O'Brien Second: Terri Ricard Unanimous

• **Betterment Distribution**

- Total Approved: \$5,000.00
- John O'Brien provided explanation of approved Betterment Funds and details.
- Recommended Distribution/Allocation of funds is based on previous year's funds spent by each Lake Association for weed control which are as follows:
 - South Pond \$10,000.00
 - Cedar Lake \$ 6,500.00
 - Big Alum \$ 4,800.00
 - Walker Pond \$ 2,800.00
 - Lead Mine \$ 0.00
- Suggested 2014 Distribution
 - South Pond 25% \$1,250.00
 - Cedar Lake 33% \$1,650.00
 - Big Alum 24% \$1,200.00
 - Walker Pond 14% \$ 700.00
 - Lead Mine 4% \$ 200.00
- How will the funds be distributed to each Lake Association?

- Submission of a voucher by each association to SLAC. Check sent directly to requesting association?
- SLAC: Create a form/voucher. (Action Item: Laurie Palmer)
- Mary R (BOS): Will confirm process and will let Co-Chairs know prior to next SLAC meeting.
- Note: Use Drop Box.

- **Walker Pond Name:**

- Marita provided historical information:
 - Original name: Tantousque
 - 1894: Approved at Town Meeting
- John O'Brien stated there is a petition requesting name back to Walker Pond.
 - Petition must be submitted prior to January 2014 BOS Meeting.

- **Old Business**

- Fishing Tournaments
 - Generated from outside groups/organizations requesting access.
 - Marita Tasse requested:
 - Guidelines for Fishing Tournaments be created since the Sturbridge Great Ponds are State Lakes.
 - Groups/organizations must submit permit requests through the State.
 - Bob White will contact Fisheries & Wildlife for information.
 - Additionally, Bob is willing to research what "we" have for protection and process.
 - Contact provided: Terry Smith 617-727-1943
- Educational Articles Update:
 - January – Bob White: Ice Safety
 - February – Marita Tasse: History/Memories of South Pond
 - March – Open
 - April – Laurie Palmer: Clean Up & Landscaping
 - May – Joel Casaubon: Boating Safety
 - June – Cheryl Wood Creeded: Canoe Trail
 - July – Bruce Gran: Storm Water Runoff

- **New Business**

- Dave Mitchell: Work with high school to see if they can video the lake monitoring process for 2014.

- **Meeting Adjourned:**

- 7:55PM
- Motion: Joel Casaubon Second: Terri Ricard Unanimous