

CRYSTAL LAKE ASSOCIATION

Report of Meeting for
July 22, 2009

Recording Secretary, Monique Burns
Meeting started at 7:05pm

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Monique Burns read the Secretary's report for April 29, 2009.

A MOTION WAS MADE TO ACCEPT THE REPORT AS READ AND SECONDED.

TREASURE'S REPORT:

Vic Laptic handed out the Treasure's report covering the period 4/29/09 through 7/22/09.

A MOTION WAS MADE TO ACCEPT THE REPORT AS READ AND SECONDED.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

Vic stated that he has received 54 renewal membership forms with 6 new members.

COORESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT: No Report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Milfoil Committee: Dave Arzt, Chairman of the Town of Ellington's Adhoc Committee for Crystal Lake Milfoil Removal Program gave an over view of the activities of the committee over the last two months as follows:

- a. Milfoil locations were prioritized using George Knoecklein's's map. The priority of milfoil removal was decided to be based on the highest density locations would be removed first with a concentration in the open water areas. The Public beach was given the second highest priority.
- b. Dave discussed how the committee arrived at a cost for milfoil removal. It was based on man hours per two man crew. It is estimated, that with the funds allocated by the Town of Ellington seven to ten percent of milfoil could be removed.
- c. The company that is being looked at to contract this work is Waters Edge Restoration and Management, LLC.
- d. The milfoil removal process will consist of a diver in the water using the suction harvesting machine to gently pull the entire weed roots and all out from the lake bottom into a net for collection and removal at the state boat launch and then transportation to the Town brush dump on Hoffman Road.

- e. Once a contract has been developed and reviewed by the Town attorney and finance office, it is expected that Milfoil removal shall commence the first week in August after signing of the contract by the Town's first selectmen and the contractor.

Discussion ensued. For more information on the Adhoc Milfoil Committee activities s please see the CLA web site or the Towns Web site.

Water Testing Committee: Bill Merson reported that three readings have been taken and one a month will be taken till October. The readings for the last three months are as follows: 3.5m on May 14, 2009, 5.5m on June 24, 2009, and 4.5m on July 22, 2009. George Knoecklein will be contracted to produce a report based on all the readings since the last report in 2008. A member asked is the water quality getting better? Bill answered that it is getting clearer and Rusty added that he and Bill are getting very healthy readings. Anyone interested in participating in the water reading activity please contact Bill.

Web Site Committee: Bill Merson passed around the new Crystal Lake Logo that will be our signature for the WEB site and any other items we wish to develop. He also passed around stickers that he produced with the logo on it. Rusty asked can we or are we intending to sell the stickers? Bill answered since they have been used for inspection stickers; we'll have to wait till after the season ends in September before we can sell them.

Bill stated that the membership form is on the WEB. The link between the Town of Ellington and the CLA for the Milfoil Adhoc Milfoil Committee has been set up.

Molly West Scholarship Fund: The Crystal Lake Association has awarded a \$500.00 2009 Molly West Memorial Scholarship to Molly Ducharme, a former student at Crystal Lake School and a recent graduate of Ellington High School. Molly Ducharme will be attending Dowling College in New York this fall where she will major in environmental sciences. Ducharme demonstrated significant commitment to the community while in high school through four years of service with the Ellington Rescue Post 512. We need to check with the Ellington Scholarship group to determine how to perpetuate this fund into the future.

By Laws Committee: No report.

The Dam: No report.

Fund Raising Committee: No news.

OLD BUSINEES:

School House update: Jack Turner reported that \$80,000 has been appropriated in this years Town of Ellington budget for renovation of the Old Crystal Lake School. An architect has been hired. Usability and function of the renovated building when complete has not been determined. Next year a new fist selectmen and Board of Finance will be in place which may effect funding for this project. Currently support from Mr. Fetco is positive.

NEW BUSINESS:

Monique requested that the Crystal Lake Association purchase a lap top computer for the Secretary position. Discussion ensued.

MONIQUE BURNS MADE A MOTION TO PURCHASE A LAP TOP COMPUTER FOR THE SECRETARY POSITION UP TO \$400.00 SECONDED BY VIC LAPTIC.

Vic Laptic has been researching how to become Tax Exempt status for CLA and requested the allocation of funds to apply to the Federal Government for this. It takes 60 – 90 days after application is submitted to the State before a response is received. Discussion ensued.

Meeting adjourned 8:33pm

Respectfully Submitted by: Monique Burns