

PLVD Monthly Meeting

September 21, 2022 @ 7:30pm Clubhouse

733 PM: Meeting called to order By Commissioner Robinson

Commissioners: Robinson Chair, Grotheer, Pomeroy.

Treasurer Dow, Clerk French

Resident Guests: Peter and Donna Kenny, Christy Marston, Michael Malecha, Via Zoom; MJ Turcotte, Mark Grotheer.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes of 8/17/22 and Emergency Meeting 8/24/22, no Changes
Commissioner Robinson made a motion to accept 2nd by Commissioner Pomeroy all in favor.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Dow; See Signed report with 2 items added Aquamen for 6791.54 bill repairs on Well 4 but not in operation yet, Blodgett Supply for filters 1609.98 moved from paid to the pending bill column. 3 letters of water shutoff and 2 late notices "with late fees" to be sent out to water users. No current trust fund balances this month because unable to contact the new Town person in charge, Last month's numbers were included on the treasurers report. Commissioner Robinson made a motion to accept the treasures report except for paying Aquamen on well 4 until contact with Aquamen answer our questions. 2nd by Commissioner Pomeroy all in favor.

Topic of 581 Deer Meadow was talked about where they got a well installed and asking for a credit for May water charges. We were never informed that they were coming off the community water, and Aquamen did disconnect them from the system with pictures from the home owners confirming not connected anymore in an Email to us. Aquamen also didn't communicate to us that they completed this job. Commissioner Grotheer made a motion to credit Maranda Fayhie's account for 111.33 to be credit towards the Concord Drive project upcoming bill and By Commissioner Robinson All in favor.

MS535 form By Treasure Dow explained that it is for setting the tax for the district taking into account what was voted on and the audit results. We don't have a Budget verses actual numbers because the auditors just called to our attention that the automatic payments for Eversource and TDS bills weren't entered into quick books for January, February, and March by the previous Treasurer. So she needs to put them in. Also the Auditors are being audited at this time and won't have the finalized report until after the next scheduled meeting but will have some findings for us to discuss at the next meeting.

We received a letter from DES from Cindy looking for us to communicate back about the status of the ongoing Concord Drive loan when all the work will be complete, and when we can close the 2020 funding work. We will forward this to Abby and ask her what we should be telling them the status as of right now.

Water updates:

Commissioner Robinson, as we already talked about previously well four isn't working as of right now trying to find out what's going on before we pay that bill. Well 5 at the Peninsula is back online and

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appears to be working with the system resting the other day when checking on the well house. Leak detection coming out shortly so need Aquamen to come out when they come out to assist with the valve locations. And picked up the Peninsula filters today which should last us 3 months the price did jump up a bit but we expected it to.

Dam update: Commissioner Pomeroy, with a little help, Commissioner Pomeroy did the clearing of the dam abutments and will contact the Dam Bureau. The board thanked him for his work for saving 3 to 4 thousand dollars of cost if we were to have it done by a contractor.

Playground Update:

Commissioner Robinson, We have been notified that the delivery date of the playground has been moved back to February 2023.

Clubhouse Update:

Commissioner Grotheer, We only got one bid but there are a lot of open questions within the bid that can't be answered until demolition is done mainly on the bathrooms down stairs. Where there is a lot of rot do to the old water damage to the lower bathroom area. The board talking about to piece out the jobs needing to be done and maybe doing a little work ourselves only if no liability causing work would be done. And companies with insurance handling that work. The Money set aside is non-lapsing so we don't have to revisit this item in the budget unless more money is needed.

Subject on Halloween activities this year was brought up? anyone interested or has there been anyone asking if there will be anything done this year. We will put out a feeler on Facebook, Allison did it last year but is busy with her wedding arrangements not expecting her. The board will help but not willing to run it.

Deweeding Committee:

Chair Michael Malecha, Explaining the committee's report which will be included in these minutes as an addendum. The only means that were looking at this time is the chemical treatment, due to the mechanical means being too aggressive and bad for the ecosystem of the lake. Where the chemical which will be used being less hazardous of Coke cola called Sonar. And the only company in the state goes back to the company we've used in the past which is Solitude. So there is a great amount of history that the Committee is going through that shows the effectiveness of this chemical, than others they have used here. Fairly long discussion between Christy, Michael, Andrew and Lisa. More to follow but looking at a time line that we can get this going next year. October and November District meetings being needed for this to happen.

Old Business:

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Combining the bank accounts back to one account getting rid of the water Account and using QuickBooks to separate the money exchange. This was one of the Audit Recommendations. Treasurer Dow needing a vote that can go back to the Auditors to put in their final report. Commissioner Robinson Motioned for a vote to combine the Bank accounts as recommended by the auditors, Seconded by Commissioner Grotheer All in favor.

Drought:

Still encouraging that all Water system users no wasting water with using pressure washers and extra outdoors use, especially now with our system leaks. Please check your toilets of constant running and other appliances in your home. We were having to shutdown water because the tanks are dangerously low.

New Buisness:

Clubhouse Cameras:

Commissioner Grotheer, Why there were personal cameras that were being still used at the clubhouse and should we be having cameras in the building. If we want cameras we should buy them but not be using personal items for business purposes. The cameras belonged to Clerk French that were put in March this year when we were having heating issues and no one was checking on the building daily. The thought being watching for that issue and showing the benefits of having cameras even though using his cameras which was Emailed to the board to let them know that they were in the building. They have been removed prior to this meeting being this was the first time anyone had an issue with them. Commissioner Pomeroy concluded that they have been removed and we will revisit this if cameras are needed in the future.

Long Term Plans for the Water System:

Commissioner Grotheer, This was a conversation that was started in a text and thought we should probably finish it in a meeting. A half hour discussion that went on from many people came off the system, those that who put in their own wells with not current specs sign a State waver form, purchasing land, voting at the Annual meeting for only water users and what happens if the district were to be dissolved. Several interesting opinions were heard. No votes or outcomes, but sure to be more talks at a later time.

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Other Business:

Districts Approval Form for using the Hunting Preserve other than regular hunting and outside practices.

Commissioner Grotheer Working on a form with a liability clause not holding Pillsbury lake responsible if granted permission for other activities permitted by the Commissioners. A discussion and ideas of what to put on the document, to be both something to show Fish and Game officers if caught up on our property was permitted and for our records. Commissioner Grotheer to rework the form and resubmit for a future meeting.

Treasurer Dow asked to read a letter from Alan Hofmann about an incident at the softball field last weekend.

He was not the person that had contacted me it was his sister in law who her and her husband had COVID and did not go. They had asked about renting a porta potty. The confusion came in where he thought from his sister in law that we didn't want the porta potty truck to drive over the field. He sent me this and asked that I read it to you guys. Hi, Jamie because of an illness, I don't think it was wise to attend the district meeting tonight. First I would like to apologize to you and the commissioners for driving my pickup on the field to unload the supplies I needed for the ballgame. This was our 43rd consecutive year and that is what I've done in the past. It won't happen again. I would like to add that I was a resident of Pillsbury Lake for 32 years. My wife decided she wanted barnyard animals. So we moved Warner 12 years ago. I still have property at Pillsbury Lake, and paid by district dues for 44 years. I wish the person that had called the police would have contacted me directly to handle the incident. It would have been the neighborly thing to do again, I am sorry for the inconvenience I placed on all involved.

Meeting adjourned at 934 PM by Commissioner Robinson seconded by Commissioner Pomeroy.

Next Meeting to be on September 21

Respectfully,

Gary W. French

Clerk Pillsbury Lake District 2022

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Love our Lake Committee Report to PLVD Commissioners September 2022

- Two committee meetings have been held to date
 - o August 31 – Introductory meeting to discuss approach
- Attended by 14 neighbors
- o September 15 – Progress meeting
- Attended by 17 neighbors
- o Michael Malecha is Chair, Commissioner Andrew Pomeroy is Vice-chair
- o Nine individuals have volunteered to be committee members
- o Twelve individuals have attended one or more meetings as visitors
- o The meetings are announced at least one week in advance using Facebook
- o The committee has been named the Love our Lake Committee
- **Approach / Progress**
 - o The committee obtained and reviewed copies of all reports filed with the state by SOLitude, as required, after lake management activities since 1999. These reports detail the acreage treated, herbicide products used, effectiveness, and environmental impacts
 - o These reports helped identify the most effective products and methods used
 - o Through this information the committee discussed and agreed that mechanical methods (rather than chemical) will not be considered due to high cost and disruptive impact on the lake ecosystem
 - o The committee obtained from the NH Division of Pesticide Control the names of four organizations which are licensed operators in NH and determined that SOLitude is the only company engaged in the lake management activity we require
- **Communication**
 - o Conversations with SOLitude
 - Pete Beisler – Chairman Malecha had a phone conversation with Pete on Sept 2nd to discuss prior treatments and planning and learned the following summary points:
 1. Pete has been the primary field person to treat Pillsbury Lake for over 20 years.
 2. 2015 & 2017 treatments used Sonar which was highly effective. Sonar is a chemical product line within which all products have the same active ingredient, Fluridone.
 3. Sonar product is more expensive than Reward or Rodeo but is much more effective because it acts in the water column under the surface. As such, a smaller number of acres can be treated because it spreads out throughout the lake. Because it is so effective, once control of vegetation growth is regained, it can be used in alternating years which then reduces longer term costs.
 4. Sonar is the safest, least toxic chemical available. It is used to maintain drinking water reservoirs. Its toxicity is less than that of Coke.

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5. In 2013 mechanical harvesting was attempted. It is compared to underwater lawn mowing. Its cost is greater than that of using chemicals. It is not effective and is more expensive to permit with the state than the use of chemicals.
6. Mechanical harvesting is more disruptive to the ecosystem.
7. We will need to complete our proposal by October, it will need to be accepted by the PLVD Commissioners by November, the state will require about 45 days to sign off on the proposal, which will lead to the permit being issued by February.
8. We will have an accurate cost estimate in place by early November with an earlier approximate estimate to use for planning.
9. We will need to generate a list of abutters to include everyone that lives on the lake or owns a right-of-way. They will receive two notices – a permit notice and a treatment notice.

- Brendan McCarthy – Chairman Malecha had a phone conversation on Sept 14th and learned the following summary points:

1. Sonar is great and safe and is applied in 3 passes to achieve optimal control.
2. Mechanical harvesting would exceed \$50k for short term results.
3. Their proposal will balance protecting the ecosystem and recreational use.
4. A detailed plan will be developed with the proposed timetable and budget by mid-October, in time to send a recommendation to the PLVD Commission for their October meeting.
5. A contract should be available for review by October month end.
6. A general budget estimate would be \$1000/acre. [15 acres had been treated in past years]

7. Brendan is happy to attend a committee meeting to explain the SOLitude proposal. He will be the key person to drive the development of our proposal to the state.

o Chairman Malecha had a phone conversation with Lynn Estep on Sept 13th regarding this fall's Lake draw-down:

1. Residents requested that the lake level be lowered as much as possible this fall to allow them to clean muck and weeds from their lake frontage.
2. Lynn explained that the state provides limits and that he is willing to lower the water level within those limits.
3. He also indicated that he would not lower the level sooner than mid-October to allow residents with pontoon boats to enjoy the lake during foliage season.
4. He also shared that doing this would pose no risk to the lake recovering to normal water levels next spring.

o Vice-chair Pomeroy drafted language and updated the PLVD website lake page to accurately reflect the intent and purpose of the committee

o Chairman Malecha has obtained the 2017 abutters list from Commissioner Dow and has begun updating it using the town GIS property cards

- **Timeline**

o An initial detailed plan with budget estimate will be delivered by SOLitude to the committee for discussion during early October

o Once agreed upon by the committee, this plan will be presented to the Commissioners in October as an initial recommendation. It will be provided in advance of the October

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PLVD meeting for discussion at that meeting

o If accepted by the Commissioners, the committee will proceed to develop a contract with SOLitude for final review & acceptance at the November PLVD meeting

o The plan will include a multi-year approach for longer term lake management