

Fox Hill Lake Association Board Meeting
August 18, 2021, 7 pm
CVS Meeting Room

Present:

Board Members: Manny Silva, Janet Swift, Liz Cope, Ellen Burns

Neighbors: Eric Carrasco (Rita Road), Bela Rud (Lakeside Dr.)

Meeting was called to order at 7:08 pm

Approval of Minutes from July 21, 2021 meeting – deferred to next meeting.

Officer's reports:

- Discussion of Paypal account and efforts to transfer funds from Paypal to Fairfield County Bank account. Eric volunteered to assist by contacting a Rita Road neighbor who has access to the account.
- Janet Swift distributed an updated Treasurer's Report indicating a balance of \$7,412 at the Fairfield County bank and \$5,921 in the Paypal account. Income from 10/30/20 through 7/29/21 totaled \$8,033, not including any funds that were received through Paypal. Expenses totaled \$8,008: major expenses were for tree removal on East Beach (\$500), D&O Liability insurance (\$1,613), lake treatment by Pond & Lake Connection (\$4,338) and town property taxes (\$1,197).
- Liz Cope reported her progress on contacting potential vendors for procuring discounts/special deals for lake association members. She has lined up an electrician, a mobile tire company, and is working on a heating oil/propane company, a handyman and a roofer, among others. She will compile the list she has so far and will email to the Board members.

Lake treatment:

Manny reported that he has been checking the results of the treatment the lake received from Pond & Lake Connection in July. Overall, there has been improvement but Eric reported that the lilies near his home had died and then grew back. This may be the case in other areas as well. Manny reported that Pond & Lake representatives will return next week to review conditions.

Pond & Lake proposes to treat the invasive Phragmites from the Bennett's Farm Road beach to the western side of the dam, along one side of the road. The cost is \$1,010.33, the treatment is covered by our existing permit and would be done in the Fall. This is a limited treatment to see if it is effective. If so, it can be expanded in 2022 to include

more areas for individual lakefront homeowners who want to participate and make a specific contribution above their normal dues to have this done on their property. The expenditure was approved 4-0.

Dam repair (Bennett's Farm Road):

Manny reported the dam is leaking on the east side of the spillway and needs to be repaired. He is meeting with an engineer to assess the situation. Janet will look for the name of the contractor who did the work on the north lake dam.

Fox Hill Lake walking path project:

Manny would like to reach out to the town to discuss this project. Further discussion was tabled.

Activities:

- We need a slate of candidates for Board and a date for elections. This will be discussed at the picnic (see below). Manny, Janet, Liz, Ellen and Sarah Patterson are willing to serve. According to the current by-laws, the Board consists of 6 members.
- Picnic date: Sunday, 9/19 at 1 pm, with a rain date of 9/26, to be held on the Rita Road beach. Liz and Manny will purchase hamburgers, hot dogs, etc. once we know how many will attend. Liz will send out an email to current year and prior year members to invite them. Guests will be asked to bring a side, salad or dessert, and wine/beer or other beverage. She will reach out to Sam Toy and Sarah Patterson for assistance, as well as Tara Potter and Stephen Forlini on Waters Edge Way.
- Membership collections are very slow. The picnic invitation will also ask people who have not yet joined to bring a check to the picnic.

Other issues:

We need someone to manage/update the website – further discussion at our next meeting.

Manny raised the issue of people conducting activities in the lake that require the association approval as well as wetlands permits. We need to post rules at the beach areas as Rainbow Lake has done. Ellen suggested that information should be disseminated to the members and other neighbors regarding the town's wetland regulations which cover such activities, in the lake as well as in the upland areas, which include most of the properties on the lake and possibly beyond. Our lake is also in the public water supply watershed of Aquarion Water Company.

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 20, 7 pm at the CVS meeting room.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Burns