

Fox Hill Lake Association Board Meeting
September 21, 2022, 7 pm
CVS Meeting Room

Present: Manny Silva, Janet Swift, Liz Cope, Ellen Burns, Roseanne Nagle
Absent: Krenare Osmani

Meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm

Approval of Minutes from August 17: Approved 5 - 0

Officer's reports:

- Liz has taken on new work commitments and will leave the Board effective with this meeting. Everyone thanked Liz for her work on behalf of the lake association over the years.
- Ellen reported on the September 16 meeting of the Blight Prevention Board regarding 29 Lakeview Drive. This was a special meeting of the BPB specific to the 29 Lakeview property. The town attorney, Alex Copp, provided an update on the pending litigation (foreclosure) and answered questions. The meeting was attended by Rudy Marconi, Jason Celestino (Building Dept), Ed Briggs (Health Dept), Alice Dew (Planning Director), and neighbors Don Murphy, Jack Parascondola, Bevin Carsten, Cindy Crean and Ellen Burns. Mr. Copp indicated that they are just waiting for the Danbury Superior Court to set a pre-trial conference. The plan would be for the town to foreclose on the property and then sell it. There are approximately \$70,000 in blight fees due to the town, and taxes haven't been paid since 2017. The property should have been put up for a tax auction by now – Rudy Marconi will inquire with the tax collectors office. The overall result was that there was no progress, but Mr. Copp promised to follow up with the Court to see if the case can be moved along.
- Janet distributed an updated Treasurer's Report indicating a balance of \$15,422 at the Fairfield County bank. Dues & boat stickers income totaled \$9,340 from 10/1/21-9/20/22; membership is at 50 households.
- A discussion of those who have not paid dues was held, and Board members will follow up with those who have not yet paid. Manny will send emails to encourage payment. The newsletter & membership forms were sent out late this year, so it was determined that it should be sent out in 2023 in April with a follow up in June.
- Roseanne reported on the full moon float this month which was a lot of fun, and will post about future floats on FB. The next one will be October 9 at 6:30 pm. She offered to organize a Halloween party for young kids at her home. Ellen pointed out that the Annual Halloween Walk will take place on October 29th on Main Street (10 am to noon), and that the RPD usually organize a party on Halloween night.

- Rita Road beach maintenance has been lagging. Manny will speak with some neighbors near the Rita Road beach (Sam Toy, Bobby Kelly and Andy Hopkinson) to see if they will organize a maintenance effort.
- The Annual picnic was very enjoyable but attendance was less than we had hoped.
- A discussion of the Scenic Road proposal is on the Board of Selectmen's Agenda for their October 6 meeting.

Lake treatment:

A treatment of the Phragmites along the waters edge is planned for October 10th. The cost is \$2,073.83 and the Board voted 5 – 0 to approve this service from Pond & Lake Connection. Ellen asked if permission would be needed from lakefront owners, and offered to compile a list of the owners. Manny will contact Pond & Lake to see if they require releases from lakefront owners.

A discussion of petition for the Walking Path was tabled.

We need lakefront owners to help remove lily rhizomes from the lake areas near their properties. Manny will email to ask lakefront owners to help.

Membership meeting:

The Membership meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 19th at the CVS meeting room, 7 pm and will feature a presentation & Q&A with Pond & Lake Connection regarding the condition of the lake, treatment results, and plans for 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Burns