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Staffordville Lake Advisory Committee Oct. 3, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Aaron Hoffman, Arthur Guerra, Bernadette Polidoro, Craig Ingalls, Jeffrey Ramsey, Kathy Fairfax

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Meeting started by A. Hoffman at 7:00pm

Aaron Hoffman
TOWN CLERK

Purpose of the committee was defined as to work with the town to address the request of some residents to allow kayaks and canoes to launch off the Staffordville Lake Beach.

Members introduced themselves.

Aaron Hoffman was nominated as Chairperson, 1st by C. Ingalls, 2nd by B. Polidoro, vote was unanimous

B. Polidoro was nominated as Secretary, 1st by K. Fairfax, 2nd by A. Guerra, vote was unanimous

Aaron Hoffman provided background on Milfoil:

May 2021 Milfoil was discovered and confirmed to be in the lake. Working with Mary Mitta the SLA (Staffordville Lake Association) acquired the help of the state, DEEP for the required remediation of the milfoil. The SLA has invested approx. \$20,000. of members personal contributions in required surveys, the town approx. \$55,000. Of ARPA funds and TTM \$3,000. for the remediation that was done on 8/15/22.

DEEP has a concern for 1 endangered lake weed so SLA funded surveys n 2022 at a cost of &6,000 and in 2023 at a cost of \$5,400. The endangered weed survived the remediation, the milfoil is gone and another survey is needed in 2024 for the 3-year guarantee.

There was discussion on the source of the milfoil and the goal of the SLA was provided: to educate and prevent recurrence.

The Stafford Town Ordinances regarding the beach and use of the lake were distributed to the members.

The town's goal is a no cost solution as indicated by S. Titus to A. Hoffman.

K. Fairfax suggested a \$40. permit. C. Ingalls questioned the need of staffing to monitor the gate, the use on the water and a water station. It was decided this is premature discussion.

Considerations discussed should this go forward:

- A. Will the town be required to have additional liability insurance?
- B. What hours would the launch be open?
- C. Where will the launch be?
- D. How would the vessels be cleaned? A. Hoffman stated S. Titus suggested spray bottles of bleach.
- E. Will there be cameras to monitor the area?
- F. Will the gate be locked? Who will have Keys?
- G. A suggestion was made that the town could purchase a variety of kayaks to be maintained and
- H. If the town allows this access, will it assume the cost of the 2024 survey?
- I. Will the police provide support to the life guards if they encounter violators of the established rules?

After some discussion it was decided that items A, G and H would be submitted to the current First Selectman by the Chairperson with a request to be reviewed by the town's attorney. A response from the town will be requested by Oct. 23, 2023 and follow up will continue with the new town administration if there is a desire by that administration to further pursue this.

Next meeting: Oct. 30, 2023 at 7PM

Location: Staffordville Elementary School

A motion to adjourn was made by A. Guerra, 2nd by C. Ingalls, vote was unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58PM

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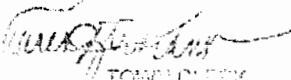
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