

14 MILE WATERSHED COMMITTEE

1555 APACHE AVENUE

AGENDA for MONDAY, JUNE 12, 2017 at 3:00 PM

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Review and approve minutes of May 15, 2017 meeting
- IV. Letter to Homeowners
- V. Update on Soil Testing Sites
 - a. Confirm date & agenda for June homeowner fertilizer workshop
- VI. Investigate the following and possible action:
 - a. Water turbines
 - b. Upstream bank easements and nutrient runoff
 - c. Lake friendly approval status
 - d. Baseline data for monitoring wells on County Line
 - e. Set up watershed flow testing & train citizens to monitor flow
 - f. Set up nitrate testing in upper watershed & each of the 3 lakes
(nitrates are major contributor to blue-green algae)
 - g. Shoreline updates, and options
 1. Planting of trees & vegetation along the shoreline of lakeshore properties such as beach clubs to mitigate erosion issues
- VII. Grant updates
- VIII. Set next agenda date and topics
- IX. Adjournment

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- I. **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 3:002 PM
- II. **Roll Call:** Steve Nowicki, Caitlyn Brillowski, Don Foster Joe Greco, Wally Sedlar, Dave Trudeau, Carson, Don Ystad, John Endrizzi, Scott Provost, Jerry Wiessinger, Ron Foster (from Lake Arrowhead)
- III. **Review and approve minutes for the May 15, 2017 meeting:** Steve Nowicki makes a motion to approve the minutes, first Jerry Wiessinger, second Wally Sedlar. Motion Carries
- IV. **Letter to Homeowners:** Carson put together a sample letter regarding the July 1 workshop. This would be given out to the tax base though a mass mailing along with the Town of Rome. Steve reads the letter and Carson will email a final copy later. It could also be sent out through the Property Owners Associations. Jon Endrizzi makes a motion to use the letter, Joe Greco seconds. Motion carries to use the letter to inform the public about the workshop.
- V. **Update on Soil Testing Sites**
 - a. Confirm date & agenda for June homeowner fertilizer workshop:
 - b. Wally handed out the test results of the blind study thus far, of the home owner's lawn core samples. He found most lawns are way too high in phosphorus. We would still like to test some of the beach clubs. He is unable to take any more requests for this year, but will finish out the ones he has.
- VI. **Investigate the following and possible action:**
 - a. **Water turbines:** Steve Nowicki received a number of interested residents from the Quarterstaff bay area.
 - b. **Upstream bank easements and nutrient runoff:** Some growers are going right up to the edge which increases nutrient run-off. Can we rent 20-30 feet along these areas, so they cannot be farmed?

- c. **Lake friendly approval status:** The Town Chairman Wayne Johnson is working on this topic, and reviewing the ordinances. They may start registering the applicators next year, before they can apply anything.
- d. **Baseline data for monitoring wells on the county line:** Steve suggests that we have the company that does the testing for our wells along the Wood/Adams border, submit reports to Tri-Lakes more than once a year. Would like to see reports sent quarterly. First by Steve Nowicki, second by Don Ystad, to request quarterly reports on the water tests being done.
- e. **Set up watershed flow testing and train citizens to monitor flow:** Scott Provost suggests we get our own equipment, to do the water testing upstream. The cost to purchase would be approx. \$6000. Acquiring our own equipment, is due to conflicts that may arise with needing the equipment at the same time as the DNR. They would have priority for its use, over our needs. We would also have to drive down to Adams County, to pick it up whenever we need to use it. Rob Borski from the project in Saratoga could be brought in to do a presentation. It is a half hour presentation that would show the current data, and the how and why it is collected. We could then mirror our own program based on what his group does. He would like to have him speak at the next meeting. Wally Sedlar believes, we have enough data on our lakes from previous testing, and thus do not need to do more. Scott Provost feels we need to continue testing, adding nitrate testing. All agreed to put this topic on a future agenda for discussion, so Scott or Wally may speak with Dr. McGinley about this topic. It was suggested that Dr. McGinley come to our meeting to speak.
- f. **Set up nitrate testing in upper watershed & each of the 3 lakes, as nitrates are major contributor to blue-green algae:** Scott P would like to see the water tested in the Leola ditch and the unnamed ditch south of Aniwa, plus at the end of Lake Arrowhead. He would suggest doing 5 spots if the budget allows. He could have one of his co-workers go over our plan.

g. Shoreline updates, and options:

- 1. Planting of trees & vegetation along the shoreline of lakeshore properties such as beach clubs to mitigate erosion issues.** Jennifer Berman would like to speak at the July 1st meeting with the residents, to present the positive effect of putting in vegetation along the shoreline.

VII. **Grant updates:** We could ask Jennifer Berman if there are any funding sources out there for us or citizens personally. Some grants are not available for the Associations or individual citizens.

VIII. **Set next agenda date and topics:** Next meeting will be on Monday, July 10, 2017 at 3:00 PM

Remove letter to homeowners. Dr. McGinley to speak at next meeting if possible. Rob Borski (under e.)-civilian water tester, (Endrizzi friend) to speak. Remove #4

IX. **Adjournment:** – Motion to adjourn by John Endrizzi, second by Don Ystad. Motion carries.

Meeting adjourned at 4:39 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Regina Combs, Administrative Assistant