

## Public Meeting: Easement

November 19, 2016

### ATTENDANCE:

Donoghue, Paulí í .í .. P      Dowling, Kristení í í í P      Veninger, John í í      P  
Burr, Robí í í í í í P      Manzo, Rene í í í í í P      Quirk, Andrew í í ..      P  
Colnaghi, Warrení í í E      Nietzer, Laura í í í í ... P      Zielinski, Garyí í ..      E  
Patton, Jimí í í í í í P      Sarnowski, Karení í í      P  
Rees, Ginnyí í í í í P      Straubel. Kathy í í í í .. P      Decina, Dennis í í í . P  
Marino, Joeí ..í í í í . P      Sarnowski, Shelbyí í ....P  
Jones, Jim í í í í í .. P

**P= Present                  E = Excused                  A= Absent**

Attorney Present: James Romerí í í í P.

**NUMBER OF MEMBERS ATTENDING:    approximately 30 + board members**

### Committee Reports Given:

Activities [ ]      Beach [ ]      Boathouse [ ]      By-Laws [ ]      Club House [ ]  
Dam Safety [ ]      Docks [ ]      Dredging [ ]      Easement [ ]      Encroachment [ ]  
Environment [ ]      Insurance [ ]      Legal [ ]      Master Plan [ ]      Membership [ ]      Parklands [ ]  
Publicity [ ]      Security [ ]      Stumps [ ]      Township [ ]      Weeds [ ]

No committee reports given.

## **Topics Discussed:**

Jim Jones presented information about the bulkhead project.

Kathy Straubel presented the benefits of dredging from an environmental perspective.

Andrew Quirk presented the benefits of the environmental study that is being proposed.

Karen Sarnowski presented information about past dredging projects, why we need a \$1M loan to address the areas of the lake that are affected and the fact that this loan is a rare opportunity to address the environmental issues with a low interest loan.

Paul Donoghue discussed the 2017 budget. Economically, the Easement is doing well. He explained the difference between the budget options to be voted on: Budget A, Budget B and optional items to Budget A. He explained that the money for funding the dredging project would come from a small increase in the easement fund, 75% of future dredging fund and some money from reserves. The environmental study and bulkhead projects will be funded by reserves. They will not impact the 2017 easement fee.

## **Questions asked by Members:**

### **Which coves will be addressed?**

Coves will be prioritized according to environmental considerations, economic considerations, etc.

### **When would the project be done?**

Depends on which areas are designated, could be over more than 1 year. Not at this point, yet, in the planning process

### **Why don't we take out a larger loan?**

The board does not want to increase the easement fee to an unmanageable amount

### **Can we find out if the loan can be paid back as we do the work?**

We will look into if this would be something that can be done

### **Will bulkhead project be wood?**

No, poured concrete

### **Why are we reducing the stump budget?**

We can only remove floaters by DEP mandate, so we haven't been able to spend the money as we'd like to. The sinking fund is enough money to pull stumps at the current rate.

**Are we going to focus on areas where the lake has receded in excess, such as boat launch cove?**

That will be a consideration in addition to others as well.

**If more money is needed for stumps, is it accessible?**

Yes, due to stump sinking fund, and current line item

**Budget Votes Taken:**

**Budget Voted on: Easement 2016**

**Budget A: 1 vote**

**Budget A with optional stump item: 0 votes**

**Budget A with optional dredging loan option: 1 vote**

**Budget B: 90 votes**

**Question 1: Use \$195,000 from Easement fund for bulkhead replacement:**

**Question 1: 93 yes votes**

**Question: Use \$17,950 from Easement fund for environmental lake study**

**Question 2: 93 yes votes**

**Question 1 and 2 pass and Budget B passes.**

*Respectfully submitted by Kathy Straubel*