

Lake Rescue Association  
Board Meeting  
6/20/2015

Marty called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

1. **Roll Call:** Marty Fino, Frank Wingate, Barb Silver, (Via Skype) Angi Benson-Ciufo, Mary Rita Batesole, Charlie Robinson, Natalie Fisher (via Skype), Ann Rose

2. **Investment Presentation:** Linda Walker gave a presentation on Morningstar funds. 1.5% fee per year for the managed funds. This would not be FDIC insured. She provided the board with literature on the many different funds available. There would be a 50k minimum investment. For a smaller investment she brought information on MFS funds (mutual funds). She reviewed different investment strategies and fee structures of each.

3. **Approval of Minutes from last meeting:** Mary Rita made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from May 30th. Ann seconded the motion and it all passed in favor.

Changes: 1. C. The board agreed to pay the animal control warden for any beavers removed from the Slacks Pasture - this is a one time removal. From this point on homeowners need to be the one contact Steve directly for any additional issues.

1.D. Clarification that they system of Ann picking the mail and Angi receiving information from Ann is working well.

4. **Treasurer's Report:** Angi reported there has not been any new activity since the last meeting. Ann did provide her several checks in memory of Bill Cole.

#### 5. Old Business:

**A. Milfoil Update:** Frank reported the divers are arriving today to finish searching Lake Pauline. Tomorrow they will search Round Pond and to Discovery Island. We will schedule them to return in early August so that we can report at the Annual Meeting. They will have 7 days of searching in by the time they are done. The bill will be \$3,600.00 and should be mailed to us shortly. Frank reminded the board that we will receive \$2,360 from the state once we turn in the documentation. Frank will take care of this for us.

They found a lot of milfoil in Round Pond near where Chris performed the suction harvesting last October. They have the most milfoil in Round Pond. Details follow from a recent update Frank provided to the board:

“Cat and Shane Yoder (our milfoil divers) have done a great job for us. They know very well what eurasian watermilfoil looks like from having pulled it for three years at Tinmouth Lake. They also know what the kinds of milfoil look like that are not invasive, because those plants do not rise to the surface and form an impenetrable mat for boats and swimmers. (The State wants those to be left alone.) They also know that when the water gets murky in Round Pond from pulling up milfoil plants, they should mark the area and return another day when it is clearer.

Here is a summary of what they have done so far. On June 7th they found five milfoil plants in Round Pond; June 8th two near Discovery Island; June 11th they searched the perimeter and the rest of the coves of Lake Rescue and found none. Then they went back

into Round Pond in the afternoon and since it was a sunny day they spotted and pulled about ten gallons of milfoil. (It is hard to estimate how many milfoil plants are in ten gallons because of varying sizes but suffice it to say ten gallons could be twenty or many more milfoil plants. Last fall when Chris Sheldon used the suction harvester on those large plants in Round Pond he sucked up 18 gallons.)

On Friday, June 12th, Cat and Shane Yoder took me out in their boat and showed me more milfoil plants growing just under the surface in Round Pond. They pulled another ten gallons in Round Pond that morning. In the afternoon they went and searched the upper part of Lake Pauline and found no milfoil. On Sunday June 14th they again searched Round Pond and stayed all day and in the clearer water found and pulled another 15 gallons. By the way they found one big plant right near the no wake buoy. On June 21st they are scheduled to come back and again search Round Pond and the northern part of Lake Rescue near Discovery Island to make sure we have it all. It is important to get the small milfoil plants now because in the hot summer months they can grow a foot a week. We don't want them hit by a motorboat prop and spread elsewhere.

I have already asked them to come back in August for two or three days to find and pull any small plants that may be currently lurking out of sight under the pond weeds. Also on June 28th they are scheduled to come back for 3 and 1/2 hours to search the lower part of Lake Pauline.

In total they have pulled about 35 gallons of milfoil since they started and they have done a great job.”

Frank reported that he has received the final permit from the state for the suction harvesting. We will get it loaded on dropbox.

**B. Proposed Ludlow Lake District Zoning changes:** Marty gave the board copies of proposed changes. They are proposing to remove group homes as a permitted use. They are also proposing removing “upgrading” as a permitted use. Jason from the Regional Planning Commission gave us his opinion that this simply means you will not be required to obtain a permit to upgrade your home, i.e. new windows, siding, etc.

Another proposed change will be to change the set back from 50 to 100 from the lake. We need clarification from the Town regarding what these changes mean. Several board members will attend the Town Planning Commission meeting next week on Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.

**C: TDI Cable Project - Request for funding for adverse events:** Marty provided the board with an article that discussed TDI providing funding for adverse impact of one their projects. Marty spoke to Frank Heald to see if we could inquire as to whether or not TDI would do this for Ludlow/Lake Rescue. Liz Spaulding is willing to investigate this with the Town and TDI.

**D. July 4<sup>th</sup> picnic:** Angi reported that the invite has gone out. 16 RSVP's have come in. Helpers are lined up for the kids games and the tables, grills, etc. A reminder email will go out in about 10 days.

**E. MailChimp:** Natalie reported that we will need to upgrade our MailChimp version from the free to the pay version due to current limitations on number of pages that we need

to send. Ann made a motion to allow Natalie to upgrade the program not to exceed \$200.00. Marty Rita seconded the motion and it passed with all in favor.

**E. Discussion of Investment options:** Marty discussed whether or not we should go directly with a investment company. The Board discussed all the various options and decided to ask Ken Minklei to come to our next meeting to discuss possible options. Angi will follow up with Ken to see if he would be willing to help us.

**F. Membership:** Barb reported she has the membership list updated and is working on getting ready for it to go to the printers.

New Business

**G. Swim Platforms:** Marty reported that there are a couple of rafts in Slack's Pasture cove. There has been several complaints made that it is impeding boat traffic in and out of the cove. Marty Rita contact Amy Bradach to see if she placed the raft and the buoys for the swimming area off the cove. Amy responded that a neighbor contacted her and offered to designate a swimming area for her. Amy is coming to Vermont this weekend and she will take a look at it and decide what to do. Mary Rita will follow up with Amy.

Natalie will contact the homeowner that has inquired and provide her with Misha Cetner's contact information and let them know that Misha will review the situation with them.

Meeting adjourned at 11:18 am. Next meeting will be July 18th.