

Lakes and Drainage Committee Meeting Minutes May 2, 2023

Attending:

David Scheirman
Harry Shearer
Lowell Lorenz
Terry Sullivan
Mark Hodges
Karen Anthony
Ken Hecker
Bobby Hoffer
Bill Reilly
Harry Shearer

Approval of the 4-3-23 meeting minutes motion to approval by David and second by Ken.

OLD BUSINESS:

Horizon-No new Report

Semiahmoo Highlands Development:

They are having a meeting soon and have been very good about giving us updates. We are thankful they have been keeping good communications with us.

Carp Removal Status Report:

They have become more active with the warmer weather. Ken said we have underestimated their strength. He put approximately 15 hooks out on a heavy duty line. They took the bait and pulled it off the lines. They literally straightened the hooks. No carps were caught that way. The carp really like bread. But very difficult to use bread as bait.

Ken has caught a few off his dock by bow fishing but that is a long process of catching one at a time. Ken requested we need more boats and volunteers.

David volunteered his dock and boat ramp if needed.

Ken was in touch with Fish and Wildlife and they offered to help us with a possible fish kill technique but cannot come until July as they are very busy.

Report on Lower Gate Projects:

Bill has been doing a lot of work to get bids on the lower gate project. He has 1 bid in, one bid withdrawn and still waiting on the 3rd bid. The one that withdrew said they have given us bids before and we have not used them so they didn't want even give us a bid.

After meeting with the County Bill is not happy with the results. He made it clear to them that he was not pleased with the lack of support and help we have received from them. Since the meeting Bill has had positive correspondence with Kraig from the County- so hopefully we've got their attention. With the excessive amounts of permits they are requesting from us it might not happen this year.

These are some of the pre-applications and items they are requesting of us before can even apply for the actual permits and these are just the highlights. The email was very lengthy. If you would like to see the full request email one of the Lakes Committee members would be happy to forward to you:

Critical Areas

- Retain a Whatcom County qualified Wetlands Specialist
- Provide a baseline Critical Area Assessment report that includes a Wetlands Assessment and a FWHCA Biological Assessment that includes Federal and State listed species, Species of Local Importance and Migratory Birds.
- Provide a site plan with all regulated critical area boundaries and buffers that occur within 300 feet of proposed site. This includes:
 - A. Regulated wetland , HCA and buffers
 - B.All impacts from Development
 - C.Critical Area Protection Measures
- The Critical Areas ordinance that requires avoidance of impacts to critical ares.
 - A. Provide impact analysis for temporary impacts, permanent impacts and cumulative impacts.
- Submit fees for review of the Critical Area report at the time of submittal
 - A. Each technical report \$350.00

Flood

- Because our request will ultimately increase stormwater drainage that are not requiring any addition information.

Land, Fill and Grade

- A scaled plan with the following is required
 - A. All buildings existing and proposed
 - B. Parking, access roads and driveways
 - C. Critical areas such as wetlands, streams, ditches, property lines, corner pins

Status Report on Gauges:

We still do not have them all in. Bobby said he thinks it's best to wait for the lake water levels to be lower. Lowell and Bobby will meet later to decide what the best date to put in.

Status Report of the Lake Treatments

The EutroSORB G and the AquaShade and have been applied to the lakes. On Wednesday we will get a sample and check on the results. Ken asked if we have enough in stock. Bobby said he is working with the vendor to see if we can return the overstock we have of Algaecide that is no longer approved for aquatic use. We have a lot.

Status Report of Aeration System

The L&D committee had a meeting with maintenance and a few village volunteers that had previously fixed and maintained the aerator bubblers in the lakes. It was decided the volunteers (that have been nice enough to maintain for many years) will teach the maintenance team to take over that task.

The golf committee asked for L&D our opinion on returning a fountain that was previously in one of the lakes. Everyone agreed it was a great idea.

Status of County Study

The County supported our plan for the need to create new culvert to drain to Rogers Slough. The County has a 6 year financial plan and we are not on their plan. They are looking into a possible financial solution. But we have our doubts they will come through.

Bill believes standing water is not able to properly drain into the Slough because of the build up of years of logs and debris. The County has said the logs are not a problem because when

there is a high tide the logs float to the top and the water flows underneath. Bill thinks the best approach is to ask the county to decrease the amount of logs. In the past year the logs have really jammed up. We will also try yo reach out to Public Works and the Fish and Wildlife.

NEW BUSINESS

Need for Public Outreach?

It was suggested that maybe L&D could speak at the downhill meeting on May 9 to inform the village of what the committee was working on. Harry said there was limited time and it was too late to get it on the agenda. Terry suggested we put together a statement that will go in the monthly newsletter that goes out to the village. He suggested we add pictures and keep it simple.

Motion to Adjourn By David by David and 2nd by Ken

Minutes submitted by Betsy Just

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