

**SAWYER LAKE VILLAGE DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
July 16, 2020**

Present: Bob Dow, Rich Bakos, Steve Chiemlecki, Rich Adams, and Paula Adams

Meeting came to order at 6:00 PM. Minutes from the June 18, 2020, meeting read, accepted, and seconded.

- **Roads:** Replaced culvert at the top of Plum Avenue. Everyday Bob and Steve have been working on the roads. At 68 Hemlock Drive a new culvert is needed. The old one is either full of sand, rocks, or crushed.
- **Beaches:** Beach 2, the culvert crossing Hemlock needs to be replaced. Beach 1, the drains are full of sand.
- **Dam:** No business
- **Beaches:** Covered in Open Forum.
- **Treasurer' Report:** The dam is under budget. The beaches are close to over budget. May have to raise the budget because of road expenses.

Operating Budget:	\$ 879.26
Dam Account:	\$155,440.04

Treasurer's Report accepted and seconded.

- **Open Forum:** Open Forum was held outside to accommodate the large number of people attending. A gentleman that lives on Sawyer Lake Road, but not part of the district, asked if there was any way his family could use the beaches. He was informed that probably the easiest way was to go to the town when they auction off lots with unpaid taxes.

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Open Forum Continued: The question of the use of golf carts and ATV's on the lake roads was asked. They are not allowed on any of the town roads: Hemlock Drive until the asphalt stops, Ash Avenue, and Wood Drive. Rich Adams and Bob Dow were asked their feelings about this. Rich and Bob both felt they did not feel it was safe because of the other vehicles that use the roads. It was brought up that it is easier to bring your stuff to the beach in a golf cart because they take up less parking space. Mike will look into getting a petition for the selectmen to allow these vehicles on the town roads. He will find out if you need to be a resident of the lake or a just a tax payer to sign any petition. Other places were mentioned that allow these vehicles, but they are all gated communities. Matt Currier, Chief of Police, gets endless calls about these vehicles.

A gentlemen had a list of questions from people on Facebook. He then handed the list to the commissioners. He said the concerns were speeding on the roads, golf carts, and unsafe boating issues. The commissioners stated speeding the roads and golf carts are a police issue. Boats on the lake are a Marine Patrol issue. He then stated the Marine Patrol can't come into the lake. The Commissioners informed him they can and were in the day before!

A person wondered if a letter could be sent out to all the residence reminding them not to speed. It was felt this would be a waste. Another gentlemen also mentioned the drain in front of his house is blocked and the water when it rains runs across the beach and washes it out. Again this is a town road. Bob Dow has mentioned this to the Road Agent many times, with no results. These washouts on the beaches are causing the lake to become shallow. Dredging the lake was brought up. This is not legal. The state doesn't allow dredging. He also mentioned that Third Beach looks great!

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Open Forum continued: There was also a complaint about toys on Beach 2. Most people do put them on the side of the beach so they don't have to lug them everyday. Anything left on the beaches at the end of the season will be thrown out.

Another gentlemen brought up the drainage problem on Hemlock Drive by his house. Bob Dow told him that they were aware of the problem.

The idea of having ID cards was brought up. This gentleman said he would do all the work and keep up with people moving in, renters, and people moving out. This was thought not to be feasible. Just keeping up with people who need mailboxes is an issue never mind all the people moving and renting. This person felt he could pay for this himself. Also a discussion of stickers was brought up a few years ago and this was voted down at the Annual Meeting. Rich Adams brought up after the last meeting he looked into ID's and stickers. He called Emerald Lake Village District in Hillsborough. The person who takes care of this says it is a full time job! There are four beaches and one is a nightmare!

The road problems were brought up again and it was noted that most of the problems are town neglect. They are not taken care of. A gentlemen stated that they should get a group of residence and go to the selectmen's meeting to go over the problems. Bob Dow stated that he spends a lot of time with the town Road Agent about the condition of some of the town roads. Steve Chemlecki mentioned it would probably take several meetings.

Steve and Bob were very diligent a few years ago about getting people who weren't suppose to be using the lake were asked to leave. They didn't feel it was a big problem anymore.

The Commissioners weren't going to put out the rafts and ropes because of the Covid issue, but decided someone would put them out anyway! They had the signs made up and did put them out. The district was going to bring up the

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Open Forum Continued: purchase of new rafts and ropes for this summer at the Annual Meeting. But of course, we didn't have the meeting. The costs for the rafts and ropes was going to be an issue for voting at the meeting. They will do so for next year.

The geese problem was also mentioned. As we know, this is a problem everywhere! Probably most of the ways to rid the lake of them wouldn't be legal. One person did say she heard that putting up the big plastic swans would keep them away. We all felt that if it worked that would be the way to go.

The question was asked if the district was thinking of passing a rule about no motor boats. This isn't something the commissioners could decide on. They had no plans to start a petition about this issue.

One person asked if the ropes could be put on Beach 6 next to the dam because of the young kids that swim over to it. Steve said he get right on it.

Also it was asked if the District Building could be used for gatherings? There are not bathroom facilities or any kitchen, so probably not! Also there would have to be extra insurance added for its use.

We meet every third Thursday of the month at 6:00 PM,

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM. This was accepted and seconded.

Paula Adams
Clerk