

**Cedar Lake Association**  
**748 Monkton Road, North Ferrisburgh, VT 05473**  
**Meeting Minutes**

01/25/20

**I. Call to order**

Theresa Payea called to order the regular meeting of the Cedar Lake Association at 2:00PM on January 25, 2020 at the Monkton Fire House.

**II. Roll call**

Theresa Payea; Roll call; Lee Kauppila, Beverly Soychak, Mike New, Theresa Payea, John Lavigne, John Gargano, Betsy Leavitt, James Leavitt

**III. Approval of minutes from last meeting**

Theresa Payea; no minutes to report for future meeting

a) For future meeting

**IV. New Business – Key discussions were rising waters due to lack of beaver dam control. Association needed to free up shore and channels from infestations and to clear up the mass of invasive species.**

A. Brief Introductions of all attending

B. Terry Payea talks about the past couple of months and what actions have been taken to get the Cedar Lake Association reactivated.

C. Lee Kauppila summarized the following:

Water levels higher than ever, situation is urgent due to camps overflowing and waterfront owners property being compromised with rising water levels.

Lee reviewed how the VT Fish and Wildlife confirmed they are no longer going to be involved in the management of the dam or the baffle as in place. It is now the responsibility of the lakefront owners.

The VT Fish and Wildlife recommended two project specialists to help manage the beaver situation on the pond. The first was not available, the second was Skip Lisle from Beaver Deceivers, LLC and he resides in VT and responded that he is available to help immediately. At the same time, \$2000.00 donated

funds have become available from POW as presented by Bev Soychak to fund the project.

D. Concerns documented by the Leavitt's:

1. Water overflow if too fast and uncontrolled floods property and causes damage when fielding hay as well as a flooded field. *The association will continue to reach out to the Leavitt's to keep them in the loop of any activity.*
2. Concerns about liability of individuals moving forward to build a structure without permission of the state. *Lee has retrieved Jim's e-mail and will forward the memos from the State directing us to use Skip and that it is the Lakefront owners responsibility to deal with it now.*
3. Concerns about other community members being concerned about interrupting the dam or habitat of the beaver. *We provided information to Jim about POW being a wildlife protection agency to avoid any concerns about the beavers wellbeing.*
4. They need to be well aware of when Skip or any of his workers come and to find out what equipment is needed to access the pond and to know how their property will be impacted. *Lee will keep in touch with Skip and we will keep the Leavitt's in the loop on any activity. Skip is available for any questions.*
5. Jim Leavitt questioned where the current association members are now. *We explained that the association has been inactive for a number of years., Most members are living out of the area and it was inactive due to lack of interest.*

**V. Cedar Lake Association reboot/action items**

A) Elections of Officers presented:

President: Lee Kauppila

Vice President: John Lavigne

Treasurer; Michael New

Secretary: Terry Payea

Director: John Gargano

Lee Kaupilla makes a motion to accept the State of Officers as presented.

John Gargano agrees, Jim Leavitt and Bev Soychak seconds. All Approve!

All attending agree we have met the motion to accept the slate of officers as presented.

- B) Goal is to expedite the process to reactivate the Cedar Lake Association to be able to unify plans to access the beaver consultant as soon as possible, as well as to plan for future endeavors and access funds if available to help with payment for Beaver Deceiver and to be able to raise more funds for other projects upcoming.

- C) Terry Payea to present/notify the Monkton Select Board about the reactivation of the Cedar Lake Association.
- D) Lionel Carbonneau the residing Treasurer of the Cedar Lake Association will be maintaining that position until the association is up and running. He will be helping us with the transition. Dennis Ryan, the noted President has authorized permission for Lionel to do so and would release funds if an invoice is presented prior to the disbursement. A proforma is attached. POW will write a check for \$2000.00 paid directly to Skip at Beaver Deceivers once the work is to be done. He will be paid directly.
- E) Notes of interest future discussion. John Gargano mentioned an aluminum access dock or portable landing of some sort to be able to access the dam safely if needed in the future. Keep this for future discussion
- F) John Gargano also questioned if the current beaver baffles should be removed. Please keep that up for discussion in next meeting.

## **VI. Adjournment**

John Lavigne moved to adjourn at 3:40PM

Terry Payea and Bev Soychak agree.

Meeting adjourned.