

Lake Mason Management District  
New Haven Town Hall  
Minutes for Board Meeting  
Monday, September 14, 2015, 6:30PM

Meeting was called to Order by Chairman David Ditter at 6:35PM.

Present were Bob Krause, Bob Demmert, Charlie Newling, David Ditter, Karren Alden, and Mark Hamburg. Jim Brancel was excused.

Meeting is in Compliance with Open Meeting Law, per secretary Alden; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hamburg

Motion was made for Agenda approval by Hamburg; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Newling; motion carries.

Treasurer's report from Demmert. No books available at this time. No bills at this time. Hamburg moves to skip agenda item of approval of Treasurer's report; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Demmert; motion carries.

Old Business:

1. Chairman Ditter reports delivery of 750+ Northernns this morning to the Northshore Landing by Gallon's Bait & Fish Farm. Ditter, Newling, and VanSchoyck were present and helped with transferring the fish from the tanker into Mason Lake. Ditter and Newling were impressed with the size of the fish, on average 12", some as long as 20". Ditter and Newling w/pictures to be placed on our website [www.lakemason.org](http://www.lakemason.org) Ditter presents bill for fish of \$5,062.50 for the fish. Approve payment for Gollon's Bait & Fish Farm of \$5062.50. Krause moves bill be paid, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hamburg; motion carries.

2. MBE CPA Morgan Klemm was to have a conference call with Treasurer Demmert and Chairman Ditter. MBE representative, Morgan Klemm called earlier than anticipated. Demmert addressed the issue of possible additional expense to the \$1,500.00 statement. Klemm assured Demmert this was standard language and the bill would not go over \$1,500.00. Demmert then signed the contract with MBE CPA's. No action was needed.

3. Confirmed the Boards meeting with Rep. Joan Ballweg and DNR for 10AM, Monday, September 28, 2015, at the Douglas Town Hall. Per Krause this needs to be published as an open meeting. Newling is unable to attend and requests proxy, Jeff Nania, nationally recognized wetlands specialist be allowed to be present. Demmert motions that Newling's friend, Jeff Nania, be present at our meeting with Rep. Ballweg and DNR on September 28. Roll call votes, 5 yes, 1 no (Hamburg). Motion carries.

Open comments:

Chairman Ditter, what are we discussing with Ballweg and DNR? Discussion follows:

- Krause, testing and netting is done; meeting w/social scientists and DNR suggest we work with farmers; not our job to enforce, but DNR; meet w/farmers configurating as Westfield Dam and use sediment pond to trap and collect silt;
- Hamburg, settlement pond/Brancel's study; eutropic condtion that past 25yrs.
- Ditter/Krause, NR 115 will Adams County have to rewrite now? State has relaxed enforcement and County cannot be more strict than the state.
- Ditter, carp, shad, dam, sendiment trap.
- Krause. Big Spring Creek 55 degrees, supports trout.

- next Agenda item, dredge Big Spring Pond;
- replace concrete spillway with Westfield parapet wall, which would drop.
- Demmert, hard time talking anyone into spending money to do this.
- Krause questions, what is DNR wish list?
- Demmert concentrate on attainable goals.
- Hamburg make a wish list for short-term and long-term goals.
- Demmert, focus on clean water, fewer carp and shad. Should have West end of Lake dredged, too shallow.
- Newling, not clear what we're looking for, 1) water quality; tied to changes in clear water and weeds to "coffee" sediment in water from lack of weeds from too many carp and shad. Do we want from the DNR a permit to test? we need a plan to do something to improve the lake. If nothing can be done to improve the lake the DNR needs to say this. Still our impression is a lot of nutrients coming in from farm land; need a plan to improve conditions. What can we do to improve the situation now.
- Demmert, DNR denies any problem; use Rotenone to kill shad.
- Newling, Rotenone is used in a draw down, with fish confined to smaller area; will kill more than just the shad.
- Krause, primary list to address, 1) water quality; carp & shad control 2) dam and sediment pond.

Motion to Adjourn meeting by Krause, 2<sup>nd</sup> Hamburg; motion carries.

Respectfully submitted, Karren Alden (secretary)