

Advisory Board Meeting
Wednesday, September 18, 2019
7pm-8:15

Members Present: Alan Wrigley, Matt O'Hara, Rich Gordon, Barbara Simms, Len Simms, Sal Ervolina, Bud Maddocks

Others Present: Chris Navitsky, Tony Metivier

Call in Participants: None

Annual Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the July Annual Meeting were unanimously approved as written.

Presentation by Chris Navitsky on The FUND's water testing results

Chris summarized the findings of the 2018 algae sampling. Twenty one sites were sampled. One half of the samples showed an increase in organic pollution. Six sites showed a decrease. Four sites showed no positive or negative trend.

Chris discussed several possibilities for the increases:

1. The legacy load in the soil is unknown
2. Rainfall amounts, property usage levels, and site disturbances could all be factors
3. Until we have more information and additional years of sampling data, it is difficult to draw conclusions.

Chris also discussed the findings of the Jefferson's Project algae survey. Fifty-five tiles were placed around the lake, affixed to docks one foot below the water level. Six tiles were placed around Dunhams Bay. Samples were taken monthly throughout the summer and weighed. This study is not looking at the type of algae present. It is attempting to measure the mass of periphyton (the complex mixture of algae, cyanobacteria, heterotrophic microbes and detritus) present. Preliminary findings from July showed that Dunhams Bay is slightly below the lake average at .1 in comparison to .17 as the lake average and 2.24 the highest count found in Bolton Landing.

Advisory Board members asked if the algae samples taken from the Dunhams Bay tiles could be tested for identification as a supplement to The FUND's existing algae testing efforts in the bay. We also brought up the possibility of having two rounds of algae testing during the summer season which we would pay for.

Chris reported on The FUND's fifth annual Salt Summit to be held in Lake Placid this year. The Town of Hague reduced their salt use by 500 tons last winter, from 2,200 tons to 1,700 tons, using the techniques described in these conferences. Hague town employees will be among the presenters this year to speak first hand about the programs success.

Budget

It was decided that at our first meeting next spring we would discuss the budget and our yearly tax amount.

The following is a summary of our balances for each of the five years our district has been in existence:

2015 - \$ 4,042.
2016 - \$ 7,889.
2017 - \$10,604.68
2018 - \$14,845.18
2019 - \$19,334.43

A Motion was unanimously passed to amend the minutes of our 2018 Annual Meeting to reflect the correct amount in our account in July of 2018.

Update from Supervisor Strough

John was unable to attend, but Tony Metivier reported that there was no new information from Town Attorney, Robert Hafner. We had asked for advice on how to draft a resolution requiring district homeowners to submit proof of having a pump-out every three years. Tony said that he'd be interested in helping us with this project.

There will be no meeting in November. See you in the spring.