

LAKE PEEKSKILL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT MEETING
SATURDAY, JANUARY 31, 2015
10:00 AM
TOWN HALL
265 OSCAWANA LAKE ROAD
PUTNAM VALLEY, NY 10579

IN ATTENDANCE: COUNCILWOMAN - JACKIE ANNABI
DISTRICT CLERK - JUDITH TRAVIS

APPROX. 40 LAKE PEEKSKILL RESIDENTS IN ATTENDANCE.
ROSEANNE WALSH
CHRISTINA COONS
NEWLY FORMED LAKE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

CHRISTINA COONS BEGINS THE MEETING WITH INTRODUCTIONS OF HERSELF AND ROSEANNE WALSH. THEY HAVE APPROACHED THE TOWN BOARD REQUESTING THE FORMATION OF A LAKE PEEKSKILL LAKE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE. RESIDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO JOIN THIS NEWLY FORMED COMMITTEE. CHRISTINA AND ROSEANNE BOTH VOICE THAT THEY ARE LOOKING TO BRING THE LAKE COMMUNITY TOGETHER AND MAKE IMPROVEMENTS IN THE LAKE. CHRISTINA PASSES OUT INDEX CARDS ASKING RESIDENTS TO PLEASE NOTE ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS. MAP OF LAKE PEEKSKILL PRESENTED AND RESIDENTS ARE ASKED TO MARK THEIR RESIDENCE WITH A PUSH PIN.

ROSEANNE DISPLAYS A COPY OF "DIET FOR A SMALL LAKE". THIS BOOK IS AVAILABLE ON LINE THROUGH NYSFOLA OR THROUGH THE LIBRARY. SHE HAS FOUND IT TO BE VERY HELPFUL. ROSEANNE STATES SHE IS VERY EAGER TO HELP WITH THE ISSUES IN THE LAKE, BUT DOES REALIZE THAT A PLAN CAN TAKE UP TO 3 YEARS TO GET TOGETHER. SHE STATES THAT SHE DOES UNDERSTAND THE SENSE OF URGENCY BUT THERE NEEDS TO BE A PLAN FOR THE CONTINUING MAINTENANCE OF THE LAKE. ROSEANNE POINTS TO THE PROPOSAL FROM PRINCETON HYDRO AND HOPES THAT ALL RESIDENTS REVIEW IT.

LPID RESIDENT ASKS IF BOB TENDY HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH THE DEC ABOUT THE REPAIR / RE-INSTALLATION OF THE HYPOLIMNETIC SYSTEM.

J. ANNABI RESPONDS BY READING AN EMAIL FROM NYS DEC REP. REBECCA CRIST. (ATTACHED) EMAIL GIVES OUTLINE OF STEPS THAT ARE REQUIRED FOR THE REPAIR OR RE-INSTALLATION OF THE HYPOLIMNETIC SYSTEM.

A RESIDENTS STATES THAT SHE AGREES THAT THE DEC MUST BE ACTIVELY INVOLVED.

J ANNABI INFORMS RESIDENTS THAT THE DEC WILL COMMUNICATE ONLY WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE TOWN. THERE IS A SENSE OF URGENCY FELT WITH GETTING THE PROCESS STARTED. BY NOT PROCEEDING WITH HAVING PRINCETON HYDRO DO THE LAKE

STUDY, TIME WILL BE WASTED. THE TOWN BOARD CAN ALSO GET OTHER PRICES FOR THE SAME OR SIMILAR STUDIES, BUT THAT WOULD DELAY THE WORK THAT HAS TO BE DONE. FRED LUBNOW HAS A HISTORY WITH LAKE PEEKSKILL.

PAM ACEVEDO STATES THAT THE ALGAE PROBLEM LAST YEAR COULD VERY WELL BE A RESULT OF THE WEATHER AND MAY NOT HAPPEN AGAIN THIS YEAR.

SHOPPING BAG FULL OF PRIOR LAKE STUDIES AND INFORMATION ABOUT LAKE PEEKSKILL PRESENTED BY PAM ACEVEDO. JACKIE ASKS THAT THE DOCUMENTS BE COPIED AND REVIEWED AND MAYBE SOME OF THE INFORMATION WILL BE USEFUL EVEN THO IT IS FROM THE 1980S AND EARLY 1990S.

PAM ACEVEDO FEELS THAT BY HIRING PRINCETON HYDRO THE DISTRICT WILL BE REPEATING WORK THAT HAS ALREADY BEEN DONE.

J ANNABI STATES THAT SHE IS RECOMMENDING THAT THE DISTRICT MOVE FORWARD WITH THE PROPOSAL FROM PRINCETON HYDRO AND ASKS FOR A SHOW OF HANDS.

A MAJORITY OF RESIDENTS PRESENT RAISED THEIR HANDS IN FAVOR OF ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL.

A RESIDENT QUESTIONS WHO WILL BE OBTAINING ANY REQUIRED DEC PERMITS.

J ANNABI STATES THAT PRINCETON HYDRO WILL OBTAIN ANY PERMITS THAT ARE NEEDED. SHE STATES THAT LAKE PEEKSKILL HAS THE MONEY TO COVER THE COST OF THE PROPOSAL IN THE LAKE CONSERVATION LINE.

A RESIDENT QUESTIONS THE VOTING PROCESS. HE FEELS RESIDENTS SHOULD HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED IN ADVANCE THAT A VOTE WOULD BE TAKING PLACE AT THIS MEETING. COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE TOWN AND THE RESIDENTS SHOULD BE BETTER.

A RESIDENT STATES THAT LINES OF COMMUNICATION HAVE BEEN LACKING IN THE PAST YEARS AND IS NOW IMPROVING. MAILING OF POSTCARDS WAS HELPFUL.

CHRISTINA COONS STATES THAT THE SOON TO BE FORMED ADVISORY COMMITTEE WILL ALSO HELP INCREASE COMMUNICATION. THEY HAVE SET UP A GOOGLE EMAIL GROUP FOR QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS AND THAT RESIDENTS SHOULD CHECK THE TOWN WEBSITE FOR INFORMATION.

A RESIDENT STATES THAT OUR TOWN BOARD MEMBERS ARE ELECTED OFFICIALS AND THAT RESIDENTS SHOULD TRUST IN THEM TO MAKE THE RIGHT DECISIONS AND SUPPORT THEM. THERE SHOULD BE ONE GO – TO PERSON.

THE TOPIC OF INCREASING COMMUNICATION CONTINUES TO BE DISCUSSED. J ANNABI REMINDS RESIDENTS THAT SHE IS THE DISTRICT LIASION AND THEY SHOULD NOT HESITATE TO CONTACT HER FOR ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS.

A RESIDENT STATES THAT SHE WOULD LIKE TO SEE AN EXPANSION OF THE SEWER DISTRICT.

J ANNABI ASKED THAT RESIDENTS PLEASE REVIEW THE SEPTIC PUMP OUT LAW THAT IS NOW IN PLACE FOR LAKE OSCAWANA. IF LAKE PEEKSKILL RESIDENTS ARE INTERESTED IN MOVING FORWARD WITH SUCH A LAW, THEY WOULD HAVE TO MAKE THE NECESSARY REVISIONS AND THE ITEM WOULD HAVE TO GO TO A PUBLIC HEARING.

RESIDENTS QUESTION HOW THE LAW WOULD APPLY TO HOMES THAT ARE RARELY OCCUPIED.

J ANNABI STATES THAT THERE ARE SEASONAL HOMES IN LAKE OSCAWANA THAT STILL HAVE TO PUMP THEIR SEPTIC. ALL HOMES MUST COMPLY WITH THE LAW.

SOME RESIDENTS FEEL THERE SHOULD BE MANDATORY PUMP OUTS ESPECIALLY LAKE FRONT HOMES.

J ANNABI STATES THIS IS NOT UP FOR MUCH DISCUSSION AT THIS TIME. SHE ASKS THAT RESIDENTS TAKE A COPY OF OSCAWANA'S LAW AND REVIEW IT.

A RESIDENT STATES THAT USE OF LAWN FERTILIZERS HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO PROBLEMS WITH THE LAKE.

IT IS STATED BY SEVERAL PEOPLE PRESENT THAT PHOSPHATES HAVE BEEN BANNED BY PUTNAM COUNTY AND IT IS NOW ILLEGAL TO USE THEM. IF A LANDSCAPER IS CAUGHT USING PHOSPHATES THEY WILL FACE HEFTY FINES.

ROSEANNE WALSH ASKS RESIDENTS TO PLEASE FILL OUT POSTCARDS WITH ANY COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS. ROSEANNE ASKS IF ANY LOCAL FISHERMAN WOULD LIKE TO JOIN THE COMMITTEE.

J ANNABI INFORMS RESIDENTS THAT THE CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER RICH QUAGLIETTA, HAS BEEN ON TOP OF THE VACANT HOMES AND UNREGISTERED VEHICLES. THERE ARE SEVERAL OWNERS OF ABANDONED HOMES THAT ARE CURRENTLY IN COURT. THERE ARE CARS THAT HAVE BEEN TAGGED AND AFTER THE REQUIRED TIME LIMITS, WILL BE TOWED. RICH AND HIS STAFF ARE VERY RESPONSIVE AND RESIDENTS SHOULD FEEL FREE TO CONTACT HIM AT 845-526-2377.

A RESIDENT STATES THERE HAVE BEEN PROBLEMS WITH A VACANT HOME ON LAUREL ROAD. THE HOME HAS BEEN VACANT FOR AT LEAST 2 YEARS. PROBLEMS WITH ANIMALS, TRASH ETC. AND THERE HAS BEEN 2 FIRES AT THAT SITE. ANOTHER RESIDENT STATES THERE HAS BEEN DUMPING ON THE CORNER OF LAKE DRIVE AND WALNUT.

J ANNABI STATES THAT THERE HAVE BEEN CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH A PROPERTY WAS CLEANED UP BY THE TOWN AND A CIVIL PENALTY IMPOSED.

J ANNABI ENCOURAGES RESIDENTS TO PLEASE CONTACT HER OR TOWN HALL FOR ANY LAKE PEEKSKILL ISSUES.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 12:00 PM

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

JUDITH TRAVIS
DISTRICT CLERK
2/5/15