

Peppermill Lake District News

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Summer 2016

Annual Meeting Issue

2017 Budget Hearing and Annual Meeting

Overall, this has been a mild summer, one filled with a lot of rain. As of this writing, we have had 3 harvests on the lake, with the fourth due to be completed the week of August 22. To date we have pulled out about 124 tons of aquatic plants. We plan to hold another harvest in September.

In the last newsletter, I mentioned that the Town of Jackson would be undergoing a property revaluation. Due to some staffing issues, the revaluation has been pushed back to next year.

That means that the Open Book meeting and the Board of Review meeting will be held on 9/10. Open Book is from 8 –10 AM, Board of Review is 10AM - 12PM. You need to appear at the Open Book meeting to get an appointment for the Board of Review if you wish to challenge your current assessment. These meetings will be at the Town Hall. The 2016 Assessment Roll will be open for review.

This year, there are two open Board positions for a three year term. Anyone interested, please contact a Board member. Nominations are also accepted from the floor.

Both Art Donner and Bill Pegler have agreed to run again but anyone interested in joining the Board, please put your hat in the ring, as it were. New insights are always welcome.

For several years now, the Town of Jackson has maintained the boat launch fee box. So far, this summer, it has been broken into 3 times, as has the fee box at Wolf Lake and Goose Lake.

At the Town of Jackson Board meeting on 8/15, the decision was made to suspend all boat launch fee collections for the rest of the year until a theft-proof box can be built.

The fees collected from the Peppermill Lake Landing are segregated and used to the benefit of Peppermill Lake

only.

These fees made it possible to put the pier in at the landing and provide a “portapotty” as well.

In the past we have collected in excess of a thousand dollars in a single year.

Two other items come to mind.

One: our neighbor, Carolyn Brown, has installed a srt piece at the landing calling our attention to the perils of invasive species. Check the What's New page on our website to see pictures of this cool piece. And thanks to the Town of Jackson for giving Carolyn the go-ahead.

Two: Since we get very little feed back at our Advisory meeting relating to our Lake Management Plan, we will bring a draft to you at the meeting and on the website for comment.

We hope you can come to the meeting. We have a lot of new folks on the Lake. It would be great to meet you!

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Your Right To Vote

Who can vote

First and foremost, under all circumstances below, **you must be present to vote**. Act 275 of 2004 specifically states that proxies and absentee ballots are not permissible.

A single property owner whose name appears on the tax rolls as of 12/22/2015 gets one vote.

If the property is in the name of two or more people, then the names listed on the tax rolls are entitled to one vote each. For example, if the tax rolls show that a property is in the name of Paul and Jane Bowles, then both Paul and Jane get one vote each. If the tax rolls state John Burdett, et al, then John Burdett and all the names flagged by et al, get one vote each.

If the property is in the name of a living trust, only one vote is possible. For example, if the tax rolls state

that your property is in the name of Thomas Pynchon Living Trust, only Thomas Pynchon can vote.

If the property is in the name of a Corporation, only one vote is permitted. The resident agent stated in the Articles of Incorporation, may cast the vote.

Full time residents may vote, also. For example, if there were an apartment complex on this lake, the owner would be entitled to vote as would all full time residents of the complex. Another example includes a full time live-in relative. Proof of fulltime residence must be offered at the meeting, in order to vote. Examples of proof include current driver's license or utility bill showing an address within the district.

Voting procedure

There are two open board positions. Each is a three-year term.

Elections for commissioners shall be conducted by secret ballot. Other votes are not conducted in secret.

Act 275 of 2004 now permits electors and property owners at the annual meeting to consider and vote on amendments to the annual budget.

Act 275 of 2004 clarifies that proxies and absentee ballots are prohibited.

"Vote by a majority a tax on upon all taxable property within the District. Is also specified."

Act 275 specifies that special charges (assessments made in addition to the tax levy) may not exceed \$2.50 per \$1000 of assessed value.

Nominations can be made from the floor.

Your chance to vote on:

- 1) The Budget
- 2) The manner in which the budget is funded
- 3) Two open board positions

Proposed Budget—Income—2017

Income					2016	2017
Taxes-General Property					\$ 24,000	\$ 36,400
Special Charges					-	
Total Taxes					\$ 24,000	\$ 36,400
Grants					-	-
Interest					35	35
Miscellaneous					-	-
Income Total (+3400)					\$ 24,035	\$ 36,435
Prior Year Ending Balance					\$ 18,000	\$ 6,000
Net Income (loss) and Prior Year Balance					\$ (85)	\$ 99

Proposed Budget— Expenses 2017

Annual Meeting

Expense				2016 Budget	2017 Budget
Aeration					
Electric				\$ 1,800	\$ 1,800
Aerator Repair & Other				600	600
Pump replacement					
Total				\$ 2,400	\$ 2,400
Aquatic Plant Management					
Harvesting Permits				\$ -	\$ -
EWMF Chemical Treatment Permits				-	-
Harvesting				27,000	27,000
EWMF Treatment				-	-
Barley Straw				500	500
Grant Applications				-	-
Other				200	200
Total				\$ 27,700	\$ 27,700
Clean Boats / Clean Water					
				\$ -	
Real Estate tax				20	21
Total				\$ 20	\$ 21
Communications					
Newsletters, Mailings, Postage,Supplies				\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
Website				600	600
Other-Wal convention				1,200	1,200
Total				\$ 2,800	\$ 2,800
Insurance					
General Liability				<u>\$ 2,500</u>	<u>\$ 2,650</u>
Workers' Compensation				700	700
Total				\$ 3,200	\$ 3,350
Lake Monitoring Services & Supplies					
Monitoring Services-water testing				\$ 500	\$ 500
Other-legal-easments				-	-
Total				\$ 500	\$ 500
Miscellaneous					
Wisconsin Lakes Adams Dues				\$ 200	\$ 265
LWDC & Other (250) Reese \$200				300	300
Total				\$ 500	\$ 565
Contingency Fund				\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
Expense Total (+3400)				\$ 42,120	\$ 42,336

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Proposed Agenda – 2017 Budget Hearing & Annual Meeting 9 AM, September 3, 2016, Jackson Town Hall HWY 82 & 4th Ave

Budget Hearing — 9AM

Annual Meeting — Immediately following Budget Hearing

Agenda

Call to Order

Certification of proper meeting notice

Consider and approve agenda

Consider and approve minutes

Treasurer's report

Committee Reports: Audit Committee, Lake Advisory Group, Aquatic Plants, Aeration,

Nominations for two board positions (pre-nominated and/or from the floor)

Paper ballot election of two(2) board positions

Discuss & vote on 2017 Budget

Discuss & vote on 2017 method to fund budget

Citizen Comment

Adjourn