

PPOA October 5th, 2021 Monthly Meeting

- In attendance, Board members: Bill Poudrier, Dennis Majikas (clerk), Dave Blad (via Zoom), John Day(via Zoom), Josh Adams(via Zoom) Associates: Jim Ellis(asst. clerk) Owners: Betty Ann Sharp, Melinda Palmer, Lori Engle, Steve Kemp
- Meeting opened at 7:40, took 40 minutes to round-up a quorum, please voting board members plan to attend each month.
- Treasure's report. Motion to accept by Dave Blad seconded by Bill Poudrier, unanimously approved.
- Minutes from last meeting. Motion to accept minutes by Dennis Majikas, Bill P. seconded, unanimously approved
- Pond treatment: We received order of conditions from town. Jim had a meeting with Solitude to discuss schedule for hydro-raking. Because of the delays in approval for treatment, the hydro-raking is now scheduled to occur in April 2022 as soon as we have ice-off. The chemical treatment will follow immediately after hydro-rake completion. Jim is working with Solitude to draft a letter to those who signed up for shoreline hydro-raking. Board to review the letter that was sent out before this meeting and approve. Bill Poudrier made a motion to approve and Dennis seconded, approved unanimously. Jim will draft something for everyone for Brendon to post on the web.
- Lot being offered to PPOA on Chicopee can be used to access the pond that borders the lots on Chicopee and abuts PPOA land mostly under this pond. No response to Bill's emails. Bill Homans will try a letter. Bill Homans not here, table to next meeting.
- New signs 4 "Paid PPOA members only" 1 larger at top of parking lot, 1 "No diving" Betty Ann will work with Bill Poudrier to have them made up. Bill made motion to have signs made to not exceed \$250, Lee seconded. Approved unanimously. Betty Ann needs to final number of signed will get back to Bill tomorrow.
- Lower pond dam. Trees trimmed that were close to the dam. Investigate dam repair.
- Lodge Water line repair: Need to assess feasibility and cost of putting PEX pipe inside of the existing (leaking) pipe on the well. Bob called and waiting response. We have not heard from Bob on this. Bill Poudrier suggested digging trench 8 feet from well. to do a hook up in the trench. Dave and Bill to meet at well and take a look.
- Report back on Jay Balderelli for a preliminary assessment on haul away interest of the mud / weeds. Dennis to call his contractor and set up a walk through. Dennis will send some proposed dates so Jim can attend. Jay is interested in working with us. Available 19,20,21of October. We will pick a day for the walk through after the meeting.
- Lights around lodge and at beach. Josh to report. Lee said Josh had been too busy. Jim and Josh tested the lights at the beach. Josh suggested making light live on a timer near dam. Bill says big mercury light on peak. Betty Ann said they couldn't get it to work. Bill will get a price for replacement lights.
- Bill Homans is going to ask Lion's club to make additional boat racks and new picnic tables. No report from Bill Homans.
- Jay Begin will try to harvest trees across from lodge. No progress so far.
- There will be the first monthly social at lodge on Thursday, October 14th 6:30pm. BYOB. Flyers are up, signs to be posted, web page updated. Dave will put on the PPOA FB page.
- Communication group will meet this Thursday lead by Betty Ann. Email blasts and newsletter. Coordinate flyers. Facebook page. Let Betty Ann know if you are interested.
- Some seats cracked at swing set in the field. They are \$34 apiece. Bill made a motion to purchase up to 4 seats. Lee seconded. Approved unanimously. Betty Ann purchased 4 new seats for \$97.
- New Business:
- Lien on 25 Abenaki. Nobody has heard anything on this. Gail wanted to send a letter to realtor. Liens have to be filled individually at \$75-\$100. Tack on Lien and lawyer fee to what is owed. Motion made to send a letter by Josh, seconded by Dennis, approved unanimously.
- Lori Engle informed the meeting that they have approval to take down 23 Abenaki. Silt fence put up.
- Motion to adjourn by John second by Bill approve unanimously Meeting adjourned at 8:52.



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Pinecrest Property Owners Association

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Dear Shoreline Hydro-raking Participants,

We hope this letter finds you and your family safe and well. As you know, we had hoped to conduct hydro-raking and chemical treatment of Cushman Pond this year. And we very much appreciate and value your signing up to participate in hydro-raking along your shoreline. Unfortunately, due to delays many caused by these challenging times, we are now scheduled to **start hydro-raking, early April 2022** as soon as ice-off on Cushman Pond occurs, followed by chemical treatment.

As you know, there have been many disruptions during the last year. Delays in the approval of this project were a major problem with getting the chemical treatment or hydro-raking done this year. We did not receive full and final approval for the project until mid-September. DEP's complete lack of response during the state of emergency was surprising and disappointing and the biggest part of the delay. The good news is we now have full approval and it is valid for 3 years.

As with many employers, Solitude has also struggled with staffing issues during these personally changing times for many.

The checks that you provided as deposits will be voided as the dates on them are quite old now. In February 2022, Solitude will be reaching out to you to finalize details for the hydro-raking in April and collect deposits.

We look forward to all working together for a very successful restoration project of Cushman Pond and having all the work completed before the commencement of the swimming season on Memorial Day weekend 2022. If you have any questions please contact us at (508) 917-7151, or via email at jcastellani@solitudelake.com or questions@ppoa.info.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Solitude Lake Management and the PPOA board