

GENERAL INFORMATION			
Monthly Meeting Presque Isle Town Lakes Committee Aquatic Invasive Species	Date:	May 11, 2021	
	Time:	7:00pm	
	Location:	Zoom by Ann Mawicke	
	Next Meeting Date/Time:	June 8, 2021	
Conducted by:	Nick Williams		
Recorded by:	Jorja Burke, Alternate Secretary		
ATTENDEE INFORMATION			
Attended	Name	Lake	Delegate
	Behr, Fritz	Lynx Lake	
X	Benn, Eric	Armour	
X	Burke, Jeff	Van Vliet	
X	Burke, Jorja	Van Vliet	
	Casey, Susan	Armour	
	Cerny, William	Lynx	
	Czarny, Mike	Van Vliet	
	Drum, Sue	Horsehead	
	Duke, Jim	Wildcat	
	Gorrilla, Larry	Crab	
	Gorrilla, Colleen	Crab	
	Gruca, Gary	Lynx	
	Higley, Catherine*	Vilas C. Invas.Spec.Co	
	Horswill, Bob	Armour	
	Jacobsen, Ronie	Van Vliet	
X	Lewandoski, June	Rosalind/Papoose	
X	Lewandoski, Paul	Rosalind/Papoose	
X	Logan Weber, Cathy*	Town Board Liaison	
X	Mawicke, Ann	Natural Lakes	
	Novak, Linda	Oxbow	
X	Novak, Otto	Oxbow	
X	Phillips, Carol	Wildcat	

X	Phillips, Richard	Wildcat	
X	Plouff, Gary	Frontier Lakes	
X	Preston, Tom	Katinka	
	Ruch, Bob	Carlin	
	Ruch, Judy	Carlin	
	Sisbach, Sarah	Presque Isle	
	Speer, Gail	Katinka	
	Strauss, Lynn	Horsehead	
	Suffron, John	Annabelle	
	Suffron, Kay	Annabelle	
	Vogt, Dave	Annabelle	
	Walters, Lorine	Horsehead/Town Clerk	
	Watkins, Mary	Carlin	
	Wiegand, Tom	Horsehead	
X	Wierzba, Tom	Big	
X	Williams, Nick	Crab	
	<u>Zarembka, Fred</u> *Indicates non-voting member	<u>Big</u>	

MEETING MINUTES	
Topic/Subject	Discussion Items
Call to Order	Nick Williams @ 7:06pm
Pledge of Allegiance	Deferred – Zoom Mtg.
Secretaries' Minutes	Accepted as written.
Changes/additions to agenda	None.
Intro of new members/guests	Mike Brandt/Wildcat; BradleySimmons/Wildcat; John MacLean/Town Chair.
Treasurer's Report/Budget	Current Balance: \$3876.05 + interest of \$3.61. No other activity.
Correspondence	Included in discussion within appropriate agenda item. 1. Starlink/Sara S. email re internet access. 2. Nick W/Jorja B email re confusion between 200' No Wake and Wake Hazard ordinances.

Old Business

- a. **Lake Study Grants for 2017:** Awaiting DNR links for the town's website. We can file for DNR reimbursement after July 1st. See attached.
- b. **Lake Study Grants for 2018/2019:** Preliminary Annabelle Lake report in hand, sent copy to Dave Vogt for review, other Lake reviews from 2019 to follow from time to time. May need to ask for an extension of payout.
- c. **Shoreland study – Carlin Lake:** Good to go. Have not started as yet. DNR has paid advanced funds for this study.
- d. **Dissolved Oxygen Meter:** If a PI lake monitor would like to use the meter, it is currently at Paul Lewandoski's home. Contact him.
- e. **Wake Hazard Ordinance update:** Eric Benn/Armour reported there has been no additional information. Issue not yet addressed by new town board. Re shared lakes ordinances, Eric thinks the confusion at the Winchester town meeting was about the 200' No Wake ordinance and not about the Wake Hazard ordinance. Paul Lewandoski /Rosalind/Papoose verified that was the case. Cathy Logan Weber/PI Town Supervisor, heard from Mr. Grimmer/Winchester Town Supervisor re this subject and directed him to Carl Watras/PI Ordinance Committee. Eric will follow-up at the 05.12.21 Ordinance Committee meeting. Paul said there was a lot of confusion between the 2 issues. Wake Boat activity has been noted on these lakes: Armour, Crab, Oxbow and the PI chain.
- f. **Other:** Per Nick, regarding the subject of underserved (or no-service at all) internet capabilities in PI: VCEDC along with PIEDC are planning to mail out a survey to PI residents. Charter, an internet service provider, is also addressing the issue and says their solution will be at no cost to the town. Correspondence between Starlink and Sarah Sisbach re DIY installation of satellite receiving equipment was read by Nick. If there are any questions, it was suggested to give Sarah a call. Nick will continue to follow this issue.

New Business

- a. The annual town meeting is scheduled for May 18, 2021 at 6PM (directly following the regular town mtg at 5:00pm), probably by Zoom, with some attendees in person. Nick will write the PITLC presentation, it will be read by Lorine.

b. **Other:**

1. Catherine Higley/VC Invasive Species Coordinator has requested an organized Clean Boats/Clean Water monitoring effort for the July 4th holiday. Ice packs and hand-towels with the CBCW logo are available to lake associations, at no cost, for giveaways at lake access sites. Contact her if interested.

2. **What is our charge as Town Lakes Committee?** Nick introduced this item, precipitated by changes in lake management reports by Whitewater. Initially, PITLC was organized to educate the public about lake use and to thwart invasive species and subsequently, instituted CBCW and Adopt-a-Shoreline in PI to help accomplish this. The DNR (Kevin Gauthier), over the years, has added additional items for inclusion in studies by Whitewater. For instance, evaluation of properties for runoff (mediation of land), and also requesting information about possibilities of gifting property to the DNR or establishing conservation easements be included in the reports. Following are some committee members' thoughts (not necessarily all) expressed:

Tom W: Is the DNR editorializing the Whitewater reports? **Nick:** Yes...they ask for something new to be added to the reports (sometimes after the job is quoted), taking up items on the DNR's behalf. **Tom P:** Expressed concern about the impacts of humans on our lakes. He thinks this is appropriate to address but shoreland restoration is going too far. **Otto:** Thinks that new ideas introduced are important data for education (for example, including in reports the tendency to runoff that the DNR has requested). **Eric:** Thinks the surveys need to contain the scientific info; the more data, the better. **Jeff:** There may be a need for a new funding source other than the DNR if they begin requiring Whitewater reports to include things our county or town zoning does not permit. **Ann:** There's difficulty in trying to keep water and terrestrial invasive species separated in testing and reporting as so many cross over, for instance loosestrife and yellow iris. **Jorja:** Haven't we recently (within a couple of years) discussed the possibility (and possible importance to future grants from the DNR) of lake associations showing how they have employed Whitewater's

	<p>recommendations for our lakes' continued good health?</p> <p>3. Tom P would like to see the danger to aquatics from Permethrin pesticides addressed. For instance, dragonflies are susceptible to this chemical and they are major mosquito eaters.</p> <p>4. Updates to DNR Links: Ann has found links to some DNR website info difficult to locate. She will continue to and then update the town's website.</p> <p>5. John MacLean advised that using a cellulose product to replace chip-seal for town roads in PI was underway.</p> <p>June 8, 2021, probably by Zoom Cathy advises the Community Center is now open for public use. There is no written policy or any written requirements in effect, however, "recommendations" referring to masks, opening windows and social distancing will be made available. She suggests planning for a hybrid meeting, Zoom and in-person.</p>
Next meeting:	
Adjourn	Meeting adjourned by Nick Williams at 8:04pm.

Unapproved minutes.