

Minutes for the Thompson Lake Dam
Advisory Committee Meeting of May 28th, 2014
Oxford Town Office

Called to order at 6:00 pm by Michael Chamings; attending were: Stan Teterman, Hal Ferguson, Pete Laverdiere and guests Scott Bernardy, Craig Delano, Mike Brown and K.C. Putnam along with other non-committee members.

Craig Delano oversees the opening and closing of the dam gate to try to regulate the water level. This year we had a lot of water and late ice out. Michael Chamings asked if there were any questions or comments for Craig at this time. Committee members commended him for doing a great job. There was discussion on water level goals to keep them within 2" above or below winter and summer targets, based on the annual report, this year went really well.

Not many complaints this year from the residents. People are interested in getting their docks out in early May. The committee recommends that the goal should be at least by Memorial weekend. Hal Ferguson wanted to mention regarding the water level, which in the spring to bring the water level up is to try to work from a surplus. He said all the planks were in May 2nd and went from 28" below the top of the dam to the target which was reached. The water level can't be brought up before ice out is gone due to ice erosion. It was asked of Craig what is the most water that he has let out in one day using the boards. Depending on conditions 1 1/2" to 2" he answered. Michael said the more information put out regarding the water level goals the less complaints we receive.

Michael said he met with Myron the engineer about the debris deflector, based on the design we have, he feels it needs more vertical beams to cut down on the size (under 5"), and be built up with a platform which would meet OSHA standards for operator safety when cleaning. The Town will get a quote from Jon Couture at Divers Down Under. Probably looking at \$14-15,000 if not a few thousand more but we will have it a long time and it's for the safety of the operators. Peter Laverdiere asked if they should get a second price quote from another source and Michael said yes if there was a company out there that would be worth looking into but the Town has always been satisfied with Divers Down Under.

The Town of Oxford is putting in a 23,000,000 Sewer system which we received federal funding of 10,336,000. How this relates to the dam and people who live on the water is there are plans to put in elderly housing, some condo units and possibly a restaurant by where the Robinsons mill was and there are some failed sewer systems. Discussion regarding the sewer system followed regarding where it will start and its progression.

Hal said he will put a link to the TLDAC minutes on the Otisfield Town Website.

Lastly discussed was the fact that some of the towns have not been consistently contributing to the dam expenses which they were in favor of. It would be good to find a way to encourage them to do their part. It's important that there is a reserve in case repairs are necessary.

Next meeting to be Wednesday June 25th, at 6 pm.

Motion to adjourn at 6:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Suzanne Sawyer