

Rainbow Lake Water Protection District
Board of Commissioners Meeting
June 10, 2024

The Board of Commissioners meeting was called to order by Chairman Gary Leitsch at 9:00 a.m. at the Brighton Town Hall. In addition to Chairman Leitsch, Commissioners present included Peter Shrope, Steven Samuels, Gordon Sawyer, and Peter Geertz. Also present was Stephen Smith (from Randy Smith & Sons).

Board Minutes

Minutes from the meeting of the Commissioners on February 12, 2024 were unanimously approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Geertz reported that from February 12, 2024, the time of the last meeting, to June 10, 2024, tax revenue received from Franklin County was \$28,000.00. This was less than the \$32,500.00 that was budgeted, due to the County's error in not including our budgeted amount for tree cutting at the dam.

Three bills were paid, Blue Mountain Engineering, PLLC for \$921.00, the tree cutting project by Top Dog Tree Service for \$1280.00, and one Adirondack Daily Enterprise bill for \$18.37, leaving a balance of \$45,025.25. The bank balance was deemed reasonable to provide for future maintenance and contingencies. Treasurer Geertz also reported on the tentative assessment rolls for 2024, indicating that property owners in the Town of Brighton would be picking up 77% of the tax levy and the Town of Franklin 23%. This compares to 67% and 33%, respectively, for 2023.

Dam Control and Maintenance

The Application for a Temporary Revocable Permit for cutting six trees at the dam was granted. The final permit included permission to cut 20 trees (some small diameter). Three bids were obtained. The lowest bidder was selected and the tree cutting was completed satisfactorily.

The Spring Dam Inspection Report completed by Steve Smith on 5/9/2024 was reviewed. There was some discussion about existing cracks, which Steve Smith is continuing to monitor. The cracks have not changed in years and appear to be stable. No corrective action needed at this time.

The Commissioners engaged Steve Smith in a question-and-answer session.

There was discussion about how often we need to engage our professional engineer, John Carr, to perform an on-site dam inspection. Gary Leitsch will discuss with John and research regulatory requirements.

Status of request from the Town of Franklin to install a Dam warning sign on the bridge

There was discussion concerning our request to the Town of Franklin for a warning sign to be installed at the bridge prior to the dam. This has not yet been completed, and Peter Shrope will follow up on when this sign will be installed.

Succession Planning for Board of Commissioners

Peter Shrope accepting extension of his term set to end in July and the Commission awaits official extension Peter Shrope's term by the Franklin County Legislature.

Other:

The next meeting date will be held on August 19, 2024 at 9 a.m. at Rainbow Lake (Kushaqua) Dam.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Steven Samuels, Secretary