

## **Rainbow Lake Water Protection District**

Board of Commissioners Meeting

June 14, 2021

The Board of Commissioners meeting was called to order by Chairman Roger Gorham at 9:03 a.m. at the Kushaqua Dam. In addition to Chairman Gorham, Commissioners present included Ralph Bennett, Peter Shrope, Gordon Sawyer and Peter Geertz. Also attending were John Carr (Blue Mountain Engineering) and Steven Smith and Aaron Woodard (Randy Smith & Sons, Inc.)

### **Review of Dam Operating Procedures and Emergency Protocols**

Steven Smith reviewed the operating procedures of the flashboards and then demonstrated the assembly of the crane, which may be used for lifting the flashboards to their winter position as well as for the removal of the center stop logs in case of emergency. He then reviewed the procedure to remove the stop logs as outlined on page 4 of the Emergency Notification Flowchart. A general question and answer session followed.

John Carr reviewed the condition of the dam as well as the embankments and surrounding area. He noted no issues with the dam or embankment. He recommended that the brush and weeds surrounding the embankment be trimmed back annually to prevent major root growth from causing a potential problem in the future.

Updated signage was delivered to the site and a new water level gauge was given to Steven Smith for installation.

### **Board Minutes**

Minutes from the meeting of the Commissioners on March 22, 2021 were unanimously approved as presented.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Geertz reported that since March 22, 2021 the County tax check for \$27,000.00 was deposited and one bill was paid to Adirondack Daily Enterprise for \$8.80. The bank balance as of June 14, 2021 was \$47,255.05. Major expenditures anticipated until the end of the year include the annual loan payment to Franklin County of \$19,942 and insurance premiums of approximately \$3,000.

### **Succession Planning**

Roger Gorham reported that the County is in the process of ratifying his renewal as Commissioner for another four years after his current term expires on July 5, 2021. He then presented a list of potential eligible individuals as future candidates for RLWPD Commissioner positions based on a review of voter registration and tax records. As the Rainbow Lake Association has a role in recommending future Commissioners, Peter Geertz will review the process as outlined in Local Law 1 of 2021 with the Rainbow Lake Association at its next board meeting and offer the Commissioners' assistance in search for such candidates as current terms expire.

## **RLWPD Governance**

Roger Gorham presented a draft of updated Bylaws as prepared by Roger Gorham and Peter Geertz. After review by the commissioners Roger Gorham will ask Jon Miller, Esq. to review the document and anticipates that they will be presented to the Board for adoption at its next meeting.

### **Other:**

The next meeting date will be held on August 16, 2021 at 9 a.m. at the Brighton Town Hall.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:11 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Peter Geertz, Secretary