

Rainbow Lake Water Protection District
Board of Commissioners Meeting
August 30, 2022

The Board of Commissioners meeting was called to order by Chairman Roger Gorham at 9:00 a.m. at the Kushaqua Dam. In addition to Chairman Gorham, Commissioners present included Gordon Sawyer, Peter Shrope, Ralph Bennett and Peter Geertz. Also attending were District residents Gary Leitsch and Steven Smith in his capacity as dam operator.

Dam Control and Maintenance

Steven Smith provided some information on dam operations and answered various general questions raised by the commissioners and Gary Leitsch. He noted evidence of a slide and a minor rip-rap shift on the backside of the dam, possibly caused by an animal. The shift posed no issue with the integrity of the berm. Steven Smith then left the meeting.

Board Minutes

Minutes from the meeting of the Commissioners on June 20, 2022 were unanimously approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Geertz reported that since June 20, 2022, we paid one bill to Adirondack Daily Enterprise for \$11.77, leaving a current balance of \$46,628.91. Significant bills until the end of the year will include annual debt service and insurance premiums leaving a projected year-end balance of approximately \$23,000.00.

Treasurer Geertz then presented the proposed budget for 2023, which provides for a tax levy of \$28,000, an increase of \$1,000, over the 2022 budget. The increase is to cover estimated increases in expenses for dam maintenance, accounting and insurance. The proposed budget was unanimously approved.

Update on Succession Planning

Roger Gorham indicated that he would meet with current commissioners individually over the next few months to discuss their intentions in respect to continued service on the Board. Concern was raised about the pool of replacements, given the legal constraints of a five-member board and full-time residency.

Other:

The next meeting date will be held on February 27, 2023 at 9 a.m. at the Brighton Town Hall.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:27 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter Geertz, Secretary