

Rainbow Lake Water Protection District
Board of Commissioners Meeting
June 5, 2023

The Board of Commissioners meeting was called to order by Chairman Roger Gorham at 9:10 a.m. at the Kushaququa dam. In addition to Chairman Gorham, Commissioners present included Ralph Bennett, Gordon Sawyer, Peter Shrope and Peter Geertz. Also attending were Gary Leitsch (future Commissioner), Steven Smith (Randy Smith & Sons, Inc.) and John Carr (Blue Mountain Engineering).

Dam Control and Maintenance

Comments from Steven Smith's Dam Inspection Report were reviewed, including noted minor cracks on the vertical walls. These were deemed non-consequential by John Carr. Four substantial pine trees are within 25 feet of the dam. If these were to topple over due to high winds, they could have a negative impact on the integrity of the dam. John Carr suggested that these be cut down and offered to obtain the required temporary revocable permit from the DEC for this purpose. \$4,000 will be included in the 2024 budget to cover the estimated cost of cutting the trees. There were no other issues or concerns noted in connection with dam.

Board Minutes

Minutes from the meeting of the Commissioners on February 27, 2023 were unanimously approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Geertz reported that since February 27, 2023, we received the annual tax allocation of \$28,000.00 and paid one bill to Adirondack Daily Enterprise for \$11.77, leaving a current balance of \$47,488.29. Treasurer Geertz also provided copies of the 2022 annual financial statements to Commissioners Bennett and Sawyer.

Commissioner Recognition and Succession Planning

Roger Gorham presented a letter and certificate to retiring Commissioner Ralph Bennett, recognizing his eight years of service. All present thanked Ralph Bennett for his diligent service and commitment. Gary Leitsch is scheduled to take his place effective July, 2023.

There was discussion concerning the limited number of eligible candidates to serve as future Commissioners. In Chairman Roger Gorham's report to the Rainbow Lake Association in July, 2023, he will invite eligible attendees to express their interest in serving. There was also continued discussion concerning the need for staggering three board member terms (all of which are due to expire in 2024) either via early replacement of an existing commissioner or shortened terms for individual commissioners. A solution to the matter will need to be presented at the next meeting.

Other:

John Carr indicated that he had received a new water gauge and will present it to Steven Smith to be installed at his camp.

The next meeting date will be held on August 28, 2023 at 9 a.m. at the Brighton Town Hall.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter Geertz, Secretary