

Rainbow Lake Water Protection District
Board of Commissioners Meeting
March 7, 2018

The Board of Commissioners meeting was called to order by Chairman Roger Gorham at 1:15 p.m. at the Brighton Town Hall. In addition to Chairman Gorham, Commissioners present included Peter Shrope, Peter Geertz and Gordon Sawyer.

Approval of Minutes:

Chairman Gorham asked for approval of the minutes of the December 6, 2017 RLWPD meeting. They were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Geertz indicated that the RLWPD has a current cash balance of \$17,262.97. Items paid since the beginning of the year included Adirondack Daily Enterprise (ADE) for \$9.48, Barbara Dwyer for \$850.00 and Randy Smith & Sons, Inc. for \$1,575.00. Tax revenue expected at the end of March is \$20,000.00, providing a total of \$30,000.00 for dam improvement soft costs and \$7,262.97 for annual operating costs.

Independent Accountant's Report:

Peter Geertz presented the December 31, 2017 independent accountant's report, indicating a clean audit opinion and briefly reviewed the contents of the report. Peter Shrope motioned to accept the independent accountant's report as presented, Peter Geertz seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Dam Modifications:

Roger Gorham reported on the various activities that had transpired since the last meeting, including the additional information and reporting provided by John Carr of Blue Mountain Engineering, PLLC to Bond Counsel Bob Hafner. Included were updated plans and a feasibility report summarizing the project and its anticipated tax impact on the property owners in the district. Based on the additional information, the Franklin County Board of Legislators adopted a resolution to schedule a public hearing on March 22 at 5:30 pm at the Brighton Town Hall. Additional steps needed to be taken by the Board of Legislators in order to advance to the bid request stage are a review of the SEQRA report, adoption of a negative SEQRA resolution, and the adoption of the approval resolution. Bob Hafner will work on the application to the Office of the State Controller for the necessary financing approval. We are also awaiting permits from the DEC and Army Corp of Engineers. While the timeline proposed at the December meeting may be a little delayed, it does appear that construction will still be able to take place in 2018.

Roger Gorham also reported on his communication with the president of the Rainbow Lake Association and provided her with the summary of the feasibility report prepared by John Carr as well as the notice for the Public Hearing for circulation to the membership. He encouraged association members to contact any of the commissioners with questions.

Other Business:

Roger Gorham presented an updated draft of the Policies and Procedures for the Operation of the Flashboards and Performance of Dam Maintenance and reviewed changes based on comments obtained from John Carr and Commissioners at our last meeting. Peter Geertz motioned to accept the revised policy, as presented. Peter Shrope seconded. The policy was unanimously approved (see attached).

Roger Gorham and Gordon Sawyer reported on their communication with Dam Operator Steve Smith. His company had provided a bill for services during 2017 which was substantially higher than in previous years. The increase was a result of increased visits to the dam, due to significant weather events, as well as an increase of the rate for each visit, now \$175, up from a previous charge of \$130. Gordon Sawyer reported that Steven Smith's new rate was within acceptable standards and should hold for a few years.

Adjournment:

Peter Geertz moved to adjourn, Gordon Sawyer seconded. Motion was approved unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 2:22 p.m. The next meeting of the RLWPD is anticipated to be scheduled when construction bids are ready to be reviewed.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter Geertz, Secretary