

Bantam Lake Authority

Regular Meeting

October 2, 2013

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:03. Those attending were: Aaron Devaux, Rick Bongiolatti, Gary Stafford, and Tom Weik. Absent: Russ Hubbell and Oren Boynton. Guest: Leo Paul.

Lake Patrol: No report.

Jambs Update: Leo Paul explained his position on the Interlocal Advisory Committee. Discussion ensued. A motion was made by Aaron Devaux and seconded by Gary Stafford to discuss the following proposed changes to and questions about the Interlocal Agreement with Mike Rybak, Litchfield Town Counsel:

1. Page 7, #4- Remove "coordinating with the Bantam Lake property owners the seasonal raising or lowering of the water level of Bantam Lake for activities such as fishing, boating, dock repairs, beach clean up, weed harvesting and algae treatment." This is not possible with the Jambs system.
2. Page 8, top of page- The Bantam Lake Authority shall make recommendations to the Interlocal Advisory Board as to the operation, maintenance and repairs of the new outlet structure, etc... Please clarify what is meant by "operation". Does this mean the BLA needs to let the Advisory Board know when it will be raising and lowering the gate? Or the Advisory Board will be advising the BLA as to when the gate needs adjusting? We want to make it clear that the BLA will be solely responsible for deciding when the gate will be raised or lowered. This should be clearly spelled out in the BLA responsibilities. The term "operation" comes up several times with regard to the Interlocal Advisory Board.
3. Page 8, #5- We would like to see several changes made here. We would like to see all of the lake authority members included, a selectperson from each town and an engineer/PWD from the Town of Litchfield. Will meet once a year or more if needed. Meetings would take place immediately before a regular BLA meeting. There would be a total of 9 persons on the Advisory Board. This would help ensure a quorum at each meeting as the BLA would be meeting directly after and its members would already be there. There would be 5 persons appointed by the Town of Litchfield to assure proper "oversight". Morris does not have a public works director or engineer on staff and there is not a need for another engineer to be present.
4. Page 8- 5, B, (ii)- Define " operational guidelines"
5. Who owns the "Jambs" mechanism? This needs to be determined.

The motion passed. Tom will set up a meeting with Mike Rybak.

Lake Map: White Memorial, BLPA, Morris Town Clerk all have copies to distribute.

Old Business: Tom spoke with a person at the NCRS to see if there was any assistance available to help with the tributaries leading into the lake. Nothing is available from the NRCS.

A motion was made and seconded by RB/GS to adjourn at 8:39. Motion passed.