**STURBRIDGE LAKES ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**August 19, 2021**

Call to Order: 6:30 by Co-President Laurie Palmer and Marita Tasse

**In Attendance:**

Marita Tasse SP

Marcia Riggsby WP

Chuck Roy BA

Laurie Palmer LM

Laurel Carpenter LM

Chris Mazeika SP

Bruce Gran BA

Leigh Darrin CL

Eric Gaspar Conservation Committee

**Determination of Quorum:** Quorum present 8/10

**Approval of July Minutes:**

Leigh Darrin took the minutes for July meeting as Chuck was absent. She did not have time to write them up but said she would have them for the next meeting for approval.

**Action: approve July and August minutes at September meeting**

**Old Business**

1. Lakes’ water testing: Chris Makeika reported all lakes in general were in good shape. Dissolved oxygen level acceptable in all lakes. Water clarity was reasonable to good in all lakes. Larger, deeper lakes were not quite as clear as last year, but that was attributed to the heavy rains prior to the testing. The full test results will be reported at next month’s meeting.

2. Dave Darrin will assist at upcoming Boating Safety Course.

3. Discussed the Sturbridge Police patrolling the Lakes. Safety issues have been

noted on many of the lakes this summer. Patrols not as timely as they might

be. Eric mentioned that patrolling lakes is overtime for officers, and that is the

reason they patrol later in the day. It was decided best recourse is to get the

registration numbers of offending boats and file an incident report with

Police. Take pictures if possible and obtain corroborating reports if possible.

1. Eric mentioned that most of the Lake Associations are presently operating on old letters of intent, and he would like to see these updated, i.e., chemicals being used in weed treatments, water draw down dates, etc.
2. Discussed possible competition for Solitude. Marita received information from a new company and will get it to the various lake associations.

**Action: Get letters of intent updated and into Conservation**

**Committee**

**New Business**

1. Leigh Darin is in the process of redoing the report on “the benefits lake properties bring to the Town of Sturbridge”. Leigh will send out copies of the old report for the Committee to review.
2. Discussion followed on changing the day SLAC meets from 3rd Thursday of the month to perhaps 3rdMonday of the month. After further discussion it was decided to leave the present meeting dates and times as is.

**Next Meeting:** 9/16/2021/at 6:30

**Motion to Adjourn:**  Motion Laurie Palmer, second Marcia Riggsby; all in favor.

**Adjournment: 8:47**

Minutes taken by Chuck Roy/Secretary