



**TOWN OF BARNES**

# **NOTICE**

## **AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Monday, October 9, 2017**

**6:30 PM at the Barnes Town Office**

### **AGENDA**

**1. Roll call and verification of public notice**

Chairperson Lee Wiesner called meeting to order at 6:35

Attending: Lee Wiesner, Ingemar Ekstrom, Gus Gustafson, Sally Pease, Susan Jansen, Barb Romstad

**2. Approve the Agenda**

motion made and seconded to approve agenda: approved

**3. Approve the minutes of the previous meeting on 9/11/17**

motion made and seconded to approve minutes: approved

**4. Communication**

Lee heard from Matt concerning the invoices for the diving surveys, sent in to Judy Shoreline monitoring forms accepted, drawing will take place at the end of the meeting

Lee heard from the FOECLA

Gus presented water sample results for Tomahawk and Sandbar Lakes – post treatment . Gus believes Tomahawk did not get as much chemical as Sandbar, perhaps this was based on thermocline information. Other reasons could have affected the sample results.

**5. AIS Budget/Grant Balances/Sinking Fund – Barb**

Barb has expenses reported through this morning, dated through Sept 4

Robinson Lake still needs hours to fulfill the requirements of the grant. Lee will inquire about the consequences of not meeting the hours with the DNR. Barb presented her summaries of the grant expenses and volunteer hours, and those summaries are included at the end of the minutes. The monetary match will not be made this year, and the question is will the town carry the shortage forward. Barb will talk with Judy regarding these funds. Voluntary contributions would make a greater impact if directed to pay for divers on the BAISS

## **6. Clean Boats Clean Waters – Sally**

First weekend in October was extremely busy on the Upper. Sally reported boats taking part in the musky tournament, boaters removing boats for the season, recreational visitors. Question: would monitoring be better extended into September when the weather is still warm – topic for next year

## **7. Clean Boats Clean Waters Volunteer and Paid Monitor Hours to Date – Sally, Barb, Gus**

Date entry and group mailings, Barb suggested the Town take on the job, Barb will talk to Judy. Sally will contact SWIMS recorder to add George and Beauregard Lakes to have these lakes included in the reporting for next year. Possible EWM located in Beauregard Lake, Sally will have someone look at it.

## **8. Interviews for Clean Boats Clean Waters Monitors**

Place ads: Ashland Press, Bottom Line, Northland College, local businesses, UW-S, Drummond HS, Hayward HS, Solon HS(school counselor) Three should be included on the interview process: Lee, Sally, and a member of the town board, and the interviews should be held mid-April.

## **9. BAISS Boat plans for next year; coordination of effort**

EWM the focus for next year. Lee wants someone on Sandbar and/or Tomahawk to coordinate volunteers on the boat. Gus suggested a meeting with all the property owners expressing the need and importance of volunteers on the BAISS boat and shoreline monitoring. Sally suggested contacting Island Lake residents, Ingemar volunteered to attend the annual meeting of the Potawatomi property owners.

## **10. Divers for BAISS Boat and Diving Protocol – Andy Teal**

Andy was unable to attend but he sent information via email regarding the diving protocol, which I copied here: I spoke to Bob Butt, Owner of and Dive Master at DivePoint SCUBA shop in Stevens Point, WI. The shop's phone number is 715-344-3483. He informed me of several things regarding the hookah air supply system.

1. So long as it is fueled and functioning properly, the hookah system would allow a diver in our area to stay on the bottom for 200 continuous minutes without the need for a surface interval (i.e. take a break on the boat). NOTE: This only applies if operating at less than 35 feet deep, which we will likely always be doing with these aquatic invasive plants. The divers are more likely to need to get out of the water because they are cold than being at depth for too long. Having an extra diver available to switch would be great to extend harvesting time, though.
2. In terms of depth: most dive tables start at 35 feet and increase in depth. Divers working in depths shallower than 35 feet will have much more time on the bottom, but should still be mindful and educated about the health risks of shallow water diving and going down and returning to the surface repeatedly. This home study that you posted online will be quite useful to even the most experienced divers (you may want to require them to read through it, and encourage an open mind).  
[https://www.barnes-wi.com/EWMDocuments/AirLineSASS\\_HomeStudy.pdf](https://www.barnes-wi.com/EWMDocuments/AirLineSASS_HomeStudy.pdf)
3. The AIS Committee requires that each diver be certified before they can begin working. I would also recommend that if a diver has spent more than a year away from water and being under it, that that person take a diver refresher course. Bob said that if the divers are experienced and know what they are doing, using the hookah system should be straight forward. It sounds like there are 4-5 interested and experienced divers in the Barnes area.

## **11. Bayfield County AIS Coordinator Report – Andy Teal**

## **12. Next Meeting Date**

April 16, 2017 Barb will work with Judy to make arrangements for the Volunteers Luncheon on Friday, May 4.

## **13. Adjourn**

motion made and seconded to adjourn: motion passed at 8:08

Winners drawn for Shoreline Monitors

John Kudlas  
Fred Haueter  
Brian and Linda Riedash

**POSSIBLE BOARD GATHERING**

***Three or more Members of the Town Board might be in attendance at this meeting. The additional Board members are there for information-gathering only; no Board actions will occur.***

**Barnes Town Office and Town Hall are handicap accessible.**

Submitted by Judy Bourassa, Clerk/Treasurer  
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