



TOWN OF BARNES

NOTICE

AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, September 11, 2017

6:30 PM at the Barnes Town Office

AGENDA

1. Roll call and verification of public notice

Meeting called to order by chgair Lee Wiesner at 6:40

Dave Pease, Sally Pease, Andy Teal, Ingemar Ekstrom, Barb Romstad, Pamela Toshner, Jim Krook, Lee Wiesner, Susan Jansen. Public notice verified

2. Approve the Agenda motion made, seconded: approved

3. Approve the minutes of the previous meeting on 8/14/17

motion made and seconded to approve minutes of previous meeting: approved

4. Communication

Ingemar and Matt Berg regarding the surveys on George and Sandbar lakes. Matt requested information regarding dates of the treatment, will respond. Ingemar recruited Bill Gill as a potential volunteer diver on the BAISS boat. Barb reported the mailing to shoreline monitors as well as Tomahawk and Sandbar property owners regarding the importance of early detection of invasive plants and encouraging those residents to watch and report.

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

CBCW Grant - Town of Barnes expenses through the end of August do not include Labor Day weekend or the musky tournament. Expenses tracking about the same as last year. Volunteer hours tracking about the same as last year, though administrative hours below last year and more hours need to be recorded. Volunteer hours from Robinson Lake are below required needed, some hours not yet entered, Sally will collect and enter. Tomahawk/Sandbar Lakes Grant - Town will spend almost \$26,000 for treatment in 2017. We will need lots of volunteer hours needed to meet requirements of the grant. Will Town carry the expense into 2018 and not use up the reserve funds? Grant extensions need to be made before June to continue funding the BAISS boat. Middle Eau Claire Grant – Expenses and volunteer hours are in good shape, may move some volunteer hours to the CBCW grant. No expenses reported for Upper Eau Claire or George Lakes.

6. Clean Boats Clean Waters – Sally

Gene Pease said he would work next year as paid monitor if he had Saturday off. Sally feels John is having health issues, and because of this, not accurately inspecting, reporting, or putting in the hours required. Lee will speak with John regarding his work at the landing. Is there a need to advertise for

the positions of paid monitors? Potential advertising sites: Northland College, FOECLA, town website, local papers. Barb has job descriptions and the newspaper ads used in the past. The posting should be out by before the end of April, or March 1, with job interviews completed by the end of March. Sue and Sally will work on this and report for October meeting. Dave will provide interview protocol for the committee to review at the October meeting. Most recording data entered into computer, the final data requested by October meeting. Money from reserve will be used to monitor during the musky tournament

7. Clean Boats Clean Waters Volunteer and Paid Monitor Hours to Date – Sally, Barb, Gus
8. Divers for BAISS Boat and Diving Protocol
Andy sent out materials regarding diver safety, still looking into materials.
9. Surveys of Tomahawk, Sand Bar and George Lakes-Gus, Ingemar
Matt Berg completed his dive survey Labor Day weekend – the good news, George Lake still free of milfoil. Sandbar has small areas of milfoil with 2 separate plants found in the same area. Problem areas remain clear. On Tomahawk Lake, diving concentrated in treated area, and plants were found in those areas. Debate centered on the cost difference between the two lakes, questioning why the cost was greater for Sandbar compared to Tomahawk. Lee will check on the costs and how much chemical was used to treat each lake.. Plan for next spring to see if the BAISS boat can start removing the milfoil on Tomahawk. Next year the grant will pay for point intercept surveys. Shoreline monitors, additional volunteers needed to meet grant requirements.
10. BAISS boat winter preparation and storage
Boat can be stored in the BAJA storage shed, with help needed to clean out portions of the shed before the boat can be stored.
11. Attendance at Crusader Invader Award presentation at Town Board Meeting
Conversation centered around the plaque, name on the plaque did not include the AIS committee or recognize the BAISS Boat builders. Lee will attend to represent AIS committee, and plans to email invitations to committee members, shoreline volunteer monitors, BAISS boat volunteers. Barb recommended special recognition be given to Gus Gustafson, Rick Matilla, Lee Wiesner, Ron Grilly, Eckstrom family, Barnes Christian men, Conservation Club for their contributions.
12. Bayfield County AIS Coordinator Report – Andy Teal
Andy will present the Award October 19 at the Barnes Town Hall. Invasive snail populations seem to be growing, Chinese Mystery Snails and Banded Snails. Andy spraying for knotweed at several sites in the county. Invasive ID Day at Visitors Center was held in September in Ashland, Sally displayed LEEP materials there. For more information regarding upcoming events contact Andy at ATeal@bayfieldcounty.org
13. Next Meeting Date – October 9, beginning at 6:30
14. Adjourn – motion made and seconded; motion approved to adjourn at 8:15

Submitted by Susan Jansen, secretary

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.

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