

Conservation/UW-EX Education Committee
December 3, 2016
Public Hearing Minutes

Call to order: Chairman Bob Mott called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. noting the meeting has been properly posted and the facility is handicap accessible.

Approve Agenda: Motion by VanRaalte/Winkler to approve today's agenda. All ayes: motion carried.

Committee members present: Chairman Bob Mott, Robb Jensen, Alan Van Raalte, Mitch Ives and Jim Winkler.

Others Present: Kim Simac, representing the Farm Service Agency for Vilas and Oneida Counties; Brian Desmond, Oneida County Corporation Counsel; Karl Jennrich, Zoning and Land and Water Conservation Director; Michelle Sadauskas, Oneida County Conservationist; and Mike Romportl, Land Information Director.

Announcement: Chairman Mott made an announcement regarding an incorrect e-mail address for the County Clerk. Mr. Desmond has proposed the following solution: *We have been made aware that the email address listed in the public notice sent to the property owners within the district boundaries was erroneous. This error could have hampered an individual's inability to provide the County Clerk with a notice of withdrawal of their signature from the petition to form a lake district or to provide comments to the committee. My proposed solution would be to send a letter to all individuals in the district which indicates that this error was made and that anyone who tried to withdraw from the petition via email, or submit comments via email to the County Clerk can submit to the County proof of their attempt to send these emails prior to the cutoff date and time for withdrawal and comment and the withdrawal or comment will be accepted upon review and affirmation by the County that the attempt was made prior to said cutoff time. Any such submission shall be received by 4:00 p.m. on December 30, 2016.* Motion by Jensen/Winkler to accept the proposal made by Corporation Counsel. All ayes: motion carried.

Mr. Jennrich read the Notice of Public Hearing into the record. It was published in the Northwoods River News on November 17, 2016 and posted on the Oneida County Bulletin Board on November 10, 2016. Proof of publication is contained in the file.

Correspondence in the file includes: Letters from Julie and Perry Zilisch; Stuart Nicholas Boismenu; Craig Zarley; and an email from M.D. Leitermann

Dan Butkus, Co-petitioner of the Squash Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District, was present and spoke on behalf of the landowner's district.

Public comments: Mark and Ruth Mortensen – via Dan Butkus; Dale Smith; Craig Zarley; Debra Durchlag; Stuart Nicholas Boismenu; Susan Gruetzmacher; Tom Johansen; Marjory Mehring; and Janet Appling.

Chairman Mott closed the public portion of the public hearing.

Comments from the committee members: Robb Jensen spoke.

Chairman Mott stated that the next step in the process is for the County to verify the signatures on the petition; a draft report will be presented to the UW-Extension / Conservation committee on January 9, 2017. That meeting will be at 1:00 pm in the lower level of the Rhinelander/Oneida County Airport. The final report will be presented at the February 13 meeting of that same committee. At that time the committee will forward a Resolution to the Oneida County Board of Supervisors for the February 21, 2017 County Board meeting, which will be held on the 2nd Floor of the Oneida County Courthouse, which begins at 9:30 a.m. The final vote for the protection or denial of the proposed Squash Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District will be at the March 17, 2017 Oneida County Board meeting. That meeting held, again, on the 2nd Floor of the Oneida County Courthouse, beginning at 9:30 a.m. These dates and actions are all tentative at this time but this is what is being projected.

Chairman Mott encouraged the landowners to contact either Shelly Thompson or Michelle Sadauskas with comments regarding the grant process.

Adjournment: Motion by Winkler/VanRaalte to adjourn at 11:20 a.m.

Robert Mott, Committee Chair

Karl Jennrich, Zoning Director