

Flowage Preservation Alliance

The July 2nd Annual Meeting was well-attended with approximately 60 people. The Membership Committee had a table for membership renewals and new memberships. To date, only about half of the possible 88 properties within the Alliance's area have paid this year's membership. We urge every possible property owner to join the Alliance. This coming year will be critical regarding the fate of the dam, and you will want your voice to be heard. It is important to demonstrate that every property owner within the Alliance area is in favor of preserving the Little Tamarack Flowage. If you have not yet had a chance to renew your membership, a form is below. Please take the time to join or renew.

ANNUAL MEETING - FLOWAGE PRESERVATION ALLIANCE - JULY 2, 2011 - CONOVER TOWN PARK

The meeting was called to order at 10 AM with pledge allegiance to the flag. Opening remarks and introductions made by President Rich Ruffalo. Minutes of the July 3, 2010 meeting were approved. Treasurer's, Finance and Membership reports were approved.

The following Board of Directors were unanimously elected to serve for the current year: Rich Ruffalo, George Holloway, Tom Christopherson, Clancy Senechalle, Jay Richman, Roger Kerstner, Bill Green, Ken Gurski, Ron Schultz

Rich Ruffalo explained "information boxes", one already located at the Baker Lake landing and another to be installed at the Tamarack Flowage landing, subject to approval from Vilas County. The boxes contain explanation of the FPA cause as well as applications.

George Holloway explained need to clarify provision in by-laws for communication: Definition – Hand delivery, U. S. mail, and electronic mail. Motion for approval made and seconded. Approved unanimously.

George Holloway introduced Rob Teuber, Attorney at Law and member of the Alliance. Rob explained proposed amendments to our Articles of Incorporation (see attached). In a nutshell, (1) we are applying to the IRS to become a tax exempt organization engaging in activities for charitable and tax exempt purposes, (2) all funds of the Alliance (dues, contributions of "friends", etc.) shall be used exclusively for legitimate expenses of the Alliance, and (3) upon dissolution of the Alliance, funds will be distributed to another organization preferably operated exclusively or engaging in similar causes. Motion made and seconded to accept changes to by-laws. Unanimous approval.

Karl Jennrich presented up-to-date status. Conover contracted with Bonestroo last year to do a study of the dam structure, dam break analysis, and survey. Bonestroo did borings in the old dam area as well as the culvert/spillway. They also completed the survey. Borings indicate the culvert/spillway is sound, but showed that sand mixed with organic matter at the site of the old dam is not stable.

We are getting time extensions from the Land and Water Commission pending a DNR analysis to determine the degree of flood hazard. We are hoping they determine it is a low hazard dam. The report has been sent to DNR in Madison and we are awaiting the DNR decision. Meantime Bonestroo needs to provide a cost estimate on what needs to be done to bring the dam up to code, at which time decisions will need to be made. Most important will be who will take ownership of the dam – Vilas County, Town of Conover, or a lake group.

Other comments by Karl: 1) At present Vilas County has no flood plane ordinance. 2) Terry Cummings (DNR) feels Bonestroo used a very conservative approach. 3) It's possible the culvert/spillway will require no renovation. 4) Town, county, and state dam grants may be available if further expense is incurred.

Next meeting: July 7, 2012. Adjournment at 10:50 AM

Respectfully submitted, Joanie Green, Recording Secretary

FLOWAGE PRESERVATION ALLIANCE MEMBERSHIP FORM date _____

Name(s) _____

Mailing address _____

Phone _____ or _____

email address _____ You may contact me by email _____

[In order to attain the goal of fast and frequent communication, a large list of email addresses is preferable.

This will allow the quick spread of information, and keep our costs to a minimum]

Annual dues \$10.00 Enclosed? yes _____

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