



Leino Park Water District (LPWD)
Board of Commissioners' Meeting - August 5, 2009

1. **Call to Order** August 5, 2009 at 6:38 PM
 - Members present: Sue Miller (SM), Dave Crumbley (DC), Rick Plante (RP), Don Williams (DW), Bob Brown (BB), and Derek Knerr (DK).
 - Guests present: none

2. **Review and Approve Minutes** - Minutes of 06/03/09 and 07/01/09 approved.

3. **Reports**
 - A. **Treasurer Report (Finance/Budget):**
 - **Receipts** - \$7385.72 received from water bill payments. This includes about \$94 refunded by the Town for water used for flushing the lines.
 - **Expenditures** - \$2866.20 for utilities, water testing, water, supplies, and road repairs.

 - B. **Water Commissioner Report:**
 - **Budget** - Nothing new to report.
 - **Billing** - There is only one household that has not responded to notices sent by certified mail for non-payment of water bills. This household is 3 years in arrears and refused to accept the certified letter. After some discussion on how to handle the situation, it was agreed that DC will send a final demand notice by both regular and certified mail after Aug 15 (the due date for the most recent billing).
 - **Maintenance of lines and meters** - 42 meters have been replaced so far, and there are only 14 left to do. DC and the Commissioners have done an outstanding job and will continue to schedule and perform the swap outs. If your meter has not been replaced, you will be contacted shortly.
 - **Quality** - Nothing new to report.

 - C. **Bridge Report**
 - **Legal ownership** - Our Senate Bill (No. 2068, Senate Docket No. 2081) was released favorably from the Joint Committee on Municipalities and Regional Government after a hearing held on June 16th, and was then approved by the State Senate on July 8th. It now goes on to the House. The office of State Representative Lew Evangelidis is currently working to schedule a time when the bill can be discussed and voted on by the full House.
 - No word from EW, who was going to find out from our lawyer whether we should pursue a deed from the Leino heirs.
 - **Time frames** -
 - **Replacement funds** -



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D. Maintenance Report

- **Meters** - See maintenance item under Water Commissioner Report.
- **Roads** - Several loads of gravel have been spread out on Honey Bee Lane. RP requested another load of graded base for Pine St and intersection of Parkwood Lane. He also suggested that we send notices to residents of Honey Bee Lane in an attempt to recoup some of the expense of road repairs. BB has put up new caution children signs. New signs have also been placed at either end of the bridge to warn against jumping and diving.
- SM asked if we could put up signs that could be seen from the water. It was agreed to get 2 more signs similar to the new ones at the ends of the bridge except that the 3 lines; 'No Loitering', '10 ton limit' and '10 MPH', would be removed and replaced with 2 lines; 'No Skiing/Towing' and 'No Wake Zone', the later in larger font.
- The bridge railing that was damaged by an automobile in May has been fixed by the driver's auto insurance. The railing on the other side of the bridge that was damaged during the ice storm, was fixed at the same time, but will be paid from the bridge fund. Discussion continued about repairing and sealing the bridge surface. BB will obtain 2 plates to needed to repair soft spots. It was agreed not to seal the surface at this time.
- Saturday August 29th is the date agreed upon to grind, prime, and paint the bridge railing. DC will post an announcement on the bulletin board (and our website) seeking volunteers. Rain date will be August 30th. DC will obtain paint and supplies. RP estimates 2 gallons per coat and suggested a paint named 'Gripper'.

E. Communication Report

- **Website** - DK asked for opinions on posting lake treatment warnings on our website, and if so, who would provide them. DC stated that Tom Nutting gives him flyers to post in Leino Park and on Val and Hy streets. DK will contact Tom to see if he (and the Wyman Lake Association) is willing to provide an electronic copy of the postings for our website. It was also agreed that a link to the official 'Massachusetts Handbook of Boating Laws and Responsibilities' would be an appropriate addition to our site.
- Michael Gendron (president of the Westminster Wake Board Club) sent an email requesting that we add a link to westminsterwakeboardclub.com on our website. After a short discussion, it was agreed that our website should be limited to Leino Park/LPWD business and public announcements, with links limited to Town, State, or Federal government websites. DK will reply to Michael's email request.
- **Email** - Our email address is still LPWD@comcast.net



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4. Old Business:

- RP has yet to approach Bill Winturri about purchasing an easement (Honey Bee Lane) in case the bridge becomes unusable for whatever reason.
- DK requested clarification on something from a previous meeting... DC confirmed that engineers from Beta Group (another engineering firm) had come out to look at the bridge but never submitted the requested bid. It is nothing we need right now since we will ask for bids again once our authority and ownership of the bridge is established.

5. New Business:

- There was a short discussion on 'right of ways'. It will be continued at next meeting.
- DK asked if we should be represented at the Westminster Department of Public Works meetings held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday (7 PM at the DPW building) of each month. It was agreed that DC is appropriately informed of any and all water related issues so it is not necessary. It was noted that it is a public meeting and open to all who wish to attend.

6. Open Forum - none

7. Adjournment at 7:48 PM

8. Next Meeting

- The next meeting will be **Wednesday** September 2nd 2009, 6:30 PM at 15 Old Oak Ave.

Respectively submitted,

Derek Knerr - Clerk/Moderator