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MELENDY POND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

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*Minutes
Melendy Pond Management Committee (MPMC)
Tuesday, December 14, 2021*

Attendees at the in person meeting were members Eddie Arnold, Randy Haight, Susan Holroyd and Tom Solon along with Town Administrator Tad Putney.

Eddie called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Minutes

Tom moved, seconded by Randy, to approve the public and non-public minutes from the October 26th meeting as written; Voted Yes 4-0.

Addendum to Lease – Patricia and Michael Laws (Lot 9/9A)

Tad said **George Dixon** stopped by the Town Hall a couple of weeks ago and said he had sold his structure to **Michael Laws**. **Tad** said he advised **George** that the new owner needs to meet with the Melendy Pond Management Committee, per the lease, and sign an Addendum to Lease. **Tad** said that **Michael Laws** contacted him later that day. **Tad** said he forwarded to **Michael** the Addendum to Lease and Affidavit. **Tad** also forwarded the “Rules” at **Eddie’s** suggestion at the beginning of the meeting. **Tad** called **Michael** and **Patricia Laws** at this point, so they could “meet” the committee members. **Michael** said he has signed and notarized the Addendum and Affidavit and returned them. **Tad** said once he receives them, he will review them and then have the Selectboard Chair sign the Addendum at the next meeting on Dec 27th. The committee reminded the **Laws** that they cannot use the structure as a permanent residence and the lease must be renewed at the end of 2024, and every five years, and is due to end at the end of 2032.

Revolving Fund Update

Tad said the current balance on the Melendy Pond Revolving Fund is \$98,618.89.

Water Testing Results

Tom asked if the E-coli test results are an issue. **Tad** said he thinks they were below the thresholds for concern. **Eddie** asked that ChemServe provide a note as to whether the results are below thresholds or exceed them. **Tad** said he will follow up with ChemServe and request an interpretation of the results in writing.

Approval of Invoices

Eddie suggested we include a contingency on the approval of the ChemServe invoice. *Tom moved, seconded by Randy, to approve a payment in the amount of \$748 to*

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ChemServe for annual water testing upon receipt of a statement regarding the disposition of the test results; Voted Yes 4-0.

Tom moved, seconded by Susan, to approve payment of legal fees in the amount of \$2,111.50; Voted Yes 4-0.

Sublease Documents – 2 Ninth Street

Tad advised committee members that **Randy Farwell** provided a revised and complete Affidavit of Permanent Residence for his tenants.

Annual Letter to SAU

Tad said he has not received a response from the SAU to the letter. **Tom** said he would follow up.

Discuss Potential Warrant Article for New Leases

Eddie said the Selectboard did not want to proceed with a warrant article in March unless the Melendy Pond Management Committee recommended doing so. **Tad** said we have two options with the drafted warrant article language. One is that we have it in our back pocket in the event a petition warrant article is submitted that proposes new leases. The second, he said, was to recommend the Selectboard include the warrant article allowing new leases for the March town meeting. **Randy** said he favored recommending to the Selectboard that we hold the language and see if a petition article is submitted. Others agreed. **Tad** said he had a call from **Randy Farwell** today asking that the committee be informed that he is interested in signing a new lease and he would be willing to pay the higher rental amounts back to the start of 2020. **Tom moved, seconded by Randy Haight, to recommend to the Selectboard that the Board have the draft warrant article language reviewed by town counsel and available if a petition warrant article is presented for town meeting; Voted Yes 4-0.**

Maintenance of Numbered Streets

Tad said a tenant on Ninth Street called recently about growing potholes and asked that they be addressed. He said in a follow-up call she advised that **Randy Farwell** had filled them in. **Eddie** said the most recent leases only provide for town maintenance of Melendy Pond Road and he suggests sticking with this approach. **Tom** reviewed the older leases and said the newer version of the two states no road maintenance would be provided and the oldest leases are silent on the matter. **Randy moved, seconded by Susan, that we adopt a policy, consistent with the current leases, that we do not do any road maintenance on any numbered streets at the town's expense; Voted Yes 4-0.**

Confirm Next Meeting

Members confirmed the next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 8th at 6:30pm.

7:30pm – Eddie moved, seconded by Tom, to go into non-public session per RSA 91-A:3 II (c) reputation and (l) legal; Roll Call Vote Yes 4-0.

7:41pm – Eddie moved, seconded by Susan, to come out of non-public session and seal the minutes; Roll Call Vote Yes 4-0.

Adjourned at 7:41pm. Minutes submitted by Tad Putney.