



**TOWN OF
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MELENDY POND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

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*Minutes
Melendy Pond Management Committee (MPMC)
Wednesday, October 26, 2022*

Members attending at the beginning of the meeting: Eddie Arnold, Tom Solon, and Susan Holroyd along with Town Administrator Scott Butcher. Tad Putney was also present.

Eddie called the meeting to order at 6:01pm.

Minutes

Eddie moved to approve the minutes from the September 21st meeting as distributed; seconded by Susan, the vote was 2 in favor and one abstention.

Approval of invoices

Susan motioned to approve an invoice for attorneys fees from Devine Millimet in the amount of \$710.77. **Tom** seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Tom motioned to approve an invoice for B&S Locksmiths Inc. in the amount of \$291.20. **Susan** seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Vehicles and debris

Tom started the discussion on the unregistered vehicles and other debris that resides on some of the lots. **Scott** indicated he had sent letters out to all tenants reminding them of the lease terms regarding disallowed vehicles and debris. **Susan** stated that expectations should be set for Spring removal of all items in violation of lease terms.

Short-Term Rental Policy

Eddie discussed the Short-Term Rental legislation that is being considered at the state level and the possible impact on what policy can be developed at the local level.

Scott said the Planning Board is also looking at a Short-Term Rental policy town-wide and that the policy for Melendy Pond should be consistent with that. **Tom** suggested that any policy for Melendy Pond should follow the RSAs and local ordinances. **Eddie** wants to be sure any rental guests sign a copy of the Community Rules & Regulations. **Tom** added that having guest contact information for accountability is crucial. **Eddie** felt that short-term needs to be better defined. Is it two weeks or less? Less than 30 days? Also, enforcing the Affidavit of Permanent Legal Residence was important to ensure schools and town services aren't impacted by lessees or their rental guests.

Tad added that the current leases allow tenting on the lots for less than 30 days.

UNH Forester follow-up discussion

Tom stated that during the site visit with UNH Forest Mike Gagnon members of the Conservation Commission voice concerns about being left out of the conservations regarding future use of the land and any forestry activity being contemplated. He suggested that the Conservation Commission be invited to participate in future discussions regarding forestry management. **Eddie** and **Susan** voiced concerns that the Conservation Commission wants to control the parcel of land even though they don't have ownership of it.

Tom recapped that the low land part of the parcel contains valuable hardwoods. The higher elevations have lower quality hardwoods and some high value softwoods. There was some discussion about doing limited forestry/logging and remove some of the underbrush to create a better environment and healthier trees for the higher value trees. **Eddie** floated the possibility of using controlled burns as a way to accomplish removing unwanted underbrush and reduce fire risk. **Tom** reemphasized using a qualified forester versus just hiring a logger when the time comes. He also stated that UNH Extension was willing to do events on this parcels and others in town to educate the public on the value of the parcels we have in town. He also felt that it may be time to get proposals from reputable foresters on how to best manage the parcel.

Letter to SAU

Tad brought up the annual letter that needs to go to Kelly Seely. Business Manager at the SAU to confirm that no students are enrolled with Melendy Pond addresses.

Schedule Next Meeting

The next meeting date will be determined later; possibly November 15th or 17th.

Susan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by **Eddie**. The vote was unanimous.

Adjourned at 7:50pm.

Minutes submitted by Scott Butcher.