



**Board of Selectmen Joint Meeting with Beaver Lake Association
Ware Senior Center, 1 Robbins Road
Regular Meeting Minutes – Wednesday, June 5, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.**

Present: Selectman John E. Carroll, Selectman Keith J. Kruckas, Selectman Tracy R. Opalinski, Selectman Nancy J. Talbot, Selectman Alan G. Whitney, Town Manager Stuart Beckley, Clerk Mary L. Midura, Ware River News Editor Eileen Kennedy.

Meeting Opened by Chairman Carroll. A moment of silence was held for Joseph Ciejka.

Discussion with Beaver Lake Association

- **Introductions**

Residents of Beaver Lake and Selectmen introduced themselves. Ken Willette noted that the Beaver Lake Association and Beaver Lake Trust thanked the Board of Selectmen for this meeting. He explained that the Beaver Lake Trust owns the lake and pays the taxes. The Beaver Lake Club Corporation, like a Homeowners' Association, pays membership and maintains the spillway and dam.

- **Beaver Lake Dam Repair overview and schedule**
- **Infrastructure projects**
- **Other issues**

Dick Bonnayer explained that the project is on target to start after Labor Day. There will be a meeting with the contractor in the next weeks to further discuss details. The contractor assures that the bridge will be open to emergency vehicles and buses. The Beaver Lake Association was notified in 2013 by the Office of Dam Safety that the dam was deemed deficient. A company from Auburn was hired to review what should be done. GEI were engineers from Worcester were brought on board. The project should only take 90 days to complete. The contractor is working with the Trust to coordinate payment, with additional funds from the club to support. The community is in favor of this project.

Selectman Opalinski questioned the inspections and whether the State built the bridge. Mr. Bonnayer answered that the bridge is over 100 years old and the State inspection deemed the dam "deficient". The work is mostly cosmetic. The State has done at least six inspections, and the Association has also inspected every six months. Selectman Whitney asked about the lake level. Selectman Opalinski asked about the plans for ambulance and buses.

Mr. Bonnayer noted that a pre-construction meeting will be held in August; the Association has already met with Police and DPW. Departments will be notified of the schedules for morning and afternoon, and the bridge will only be completely closed when pouring concrete.

Selectman Opalinski stated that the Association should also contact Acting Fire Chief Wloch. Mr. Willette noted that the Fire and Police have done watercraft and fire training in the area. He noted the Trust has worked hard to ensure this work is done professionally and considered safety.

Selectman Kruckas noted the concerns of truck traffic on the bridge. Mr. Beckley noted there has been a request for a rating for the bridge. Mr. Beckley gave out Mass DOT handouts. Mr. Bill Lak noted the lake road erosion and asked if the Town had any plans to repair while the lake is lowered. Selectman Carroll noted that Conservation Commission and DPW should be advised of this issue. Mr. Lak also noted vehicles speeding at 50 mph on this very small road. Mr. Willette noted the police were very helpful last year regarding speeding vehicles.

Mr. Willette noted the Board of Health today gave the waiver to submit monthly reports, not weekly. It was noted that many members of the Beaver Lake Association and residents of Beaver Lake are on several boards and committees to further be involved in Town issues. Selectman Opalinski thanked all residents for their involvement in the WBCA and Workshop 13.

Other Business - none

Selectman Opalinski made the motion to Adjourn the Regular Session at 7:40 p.m.; Selectman Whitney seconded the motion. The motion passed on a vote of 5 Yes, 0 No.



Mary L. Midura, Executive Assistant