

HLA Annual General Meeting July 17, 2010
Meeting began at 10:00 a.m.

1. Fletch Keating introduced the executive.
2. David Conn began the meeting by talking about Township initiatives:
 - “Environment First” Official Plan
 - Tree-cutting, fill and blasting bylaws
 - Living Sustainably in Seguin Guide
 - Water quality program
 - Septic reinspection program

Financially the Township is in good shape

- We are in year two of the phased-in assessment program
- Seguin will be out of debt in 2012
- Improvement in facilities, roads and bridges

Make sure you are registered to vote

- Voting by mail
- Mail your ballots separately
- Understand your candidates positions and what you want them to do for you

Water quality: 50% - 70% of phosphorous comes from the environment and the rest comes from human activity

- Each lake has a “personality” about how it can handle phosphorous

3. Bill Inch talked about the issue of phosphorous and the results of high phosphorous
 - nuisance weeds, like rice weed
 - toxic algae blooms
 - he spoke to the levels in Horseshoe Lake
 - external loading: shoreline clearing, bad septic, soap
 - internal loading
 - thermocline is cold, when decomposition starts it uses oxygen
 - warm water moves up through the thermocline
 - flush rate of a lake makes a difference
 - number of cottages
 - other lakes flowing in to Horseshoe
 - phosphorous will be eliminated from fertilizers
4. Randy French introduced the Lake Planning Handbook and the Stewardship Lake handbook from Seguin Township.
 - Adopt a Pond program will help us with the inventory of the Lake species
 - Five stages of a lake development

- Horseshoe Lake is between stages 3 and 4

The water quality report studied Secchi disc, total phosphorous and dissolved oxygen

- Sets a threshold for development
- Total phosphorous concentrations not to exceed background plus 50%
- Not to exceed 20 micrograms per litre
- Applies lakeshore capacity model
- Both the measured and modeled phosphorous concentrations
- Horseshoe Lake has a high sensitivity to phosphorous
- Why?
 - soils we have are thin and sandy
 - surface area is smaller
 - size of watershed
 - flushing rate
 - replacement rate
 - depth and volume
- Official Plan will not approve additional development, new lots because of phosphorous level
- This is not applied to exciting lots, reconstruction, or additions
- Even though we have restrictions on new development, we can't be complacent about water quality and phosphorous.

People must get involved in Stewardship

- Stewardship is voluntary
- What is a lake plan? Based on our values.
- A lake plan is an adaptive and proactive and action plan focused on stewardship
- Good stewardship will reduce phosphorous loading

5. Nancy McMeekan to send out water quality report to members.

6. Fullerton mentioned that current septic systems do not filter out all the phosphorous

7. Janie Thacker updated us on the OMB hearing. Severance Two lots at 37.5 metres (smaller lots than the OP) are being challenged

- Nancy to send out email address to send letter of support to Seguin

8. Keith Higgins updated us on the weir process between the Association and MNR

- a level was established for a temporary and then permanent weir.
- we put an application in to the MNR and we have addressed public concerns.
- the temporary weir is porous.

- We had the driest winter in 70 years, but thanks to some summer rains we are at normal levels.
 - All members in attendance at the meeting agreed on moving forward with a permanent weir.
9. Janie Thacker updated us on membership
- 94 paid members in 2009/10
 - 72 were paid up to date for 2010/11
 - Janie asked members to let us know about cottages sold
 - she reiterated the many ways that people can join the association
10. Fletch Keating talked about the Lake Plan Survey
- 93.2% agree or mostly agree on a published mandate
 - Water Quality is a top priority at 93%
 - Township and tax issues 52%
 - Boating practices 48%
 - Fire, safety and shoreline development 48%
 - 81% support the pursuit of a lake plan
 - fletch@telepartners.com is the email for the Lake Plan survey
11. Last year's AGM minutes: Dave Thacker motioned and Bob Barrett seconded that the minutes be passed. Passed
12. Trevor Wilcox gave the financial report
- Picnic and communication expenses were the major expenses
 - Picnic is self-funding
 - The weir will cost 1 to 2K
 - We need a budget for the Lake Plan. We have applied for grants for the Lake Plan.
 - Motion to adopt the financial report. Janie Thacker motioned. Rodger Falconer seconded. Passed.
13. Fletch Keating talked about changes in our procedures.
- Change fiscal year to coincide with Director's terms
 - Tom Gove motioned, Carol Kermit seconded. Passed.
 - Electronic notification of AGM
 - Gail May motioned, Ross McLean seconded. Passed.
14. Overholt talked about the loon nesting platforms. Two new loon chicks on the lake.
15. Pumping septic systems:
- Fletch will arrange for a pumping service
 - If people get together we can save money on septic pumping
16. Seven directors are returning. Three Director's positions are available

- Membership will be taken on by Mike Overholt.
- Communications will be handed to Drew Armstrong
- Ross McLean is going to help out with stewardship issues.
- Judy Keating nominated Carol Kermat to be a director
- Seconded by Glen Gordon. Passed.
- To accept the full slate of directors as above. Judy Keating motioned David Thacker seconded Passed.

17. Bob Overholt reminded us of the picnic and the fireworks at the picnic.

- Donate to the Colburn fireworks at the Marina.

18. Dave Fullerton updated us on the picnic on Sat. July 31.

- Last year we had 350 people
- Dave outlined all of the activities at the picnic - demonstrations, a dance,
- Bring your own beverage
- Parking is on the road

19. John McGee has noticed more vegetation in the lake. Should we pull it out, or leave it?

- People should check to be sure that vegetation is native or invasive before they pull weeds out.

20. Susan Adams talked the latest developments in Council

- A new sports court in Humphrey
- Township is investigating the possibility of having a say in boating practices.
- Please don't spoil your ballots by putting any marks on them, not sealing them, or "doubling-up".
- Seguin place is adult lifestyle community
- 30 units have been approved:
 - 10 units approved as affordable housing
 - 10 units will be rentals
 - 10 will be either sold or rental units

21. Ezra Ginther thanked Janie, Keith and Nancy for their work.

22. Meeting adjourned at 12:15.