

Shawnigan Residents Association

Board Meeting
Dinter House
September 20, 2016
Agenda

7:03pm Call meeting to order – Grant

7:01pm Board members and Guest Present –

Board Present ?: Cavin, Al, Grant, Jerrod and Rod M., Dewar, Garry, Declan, Magen, Rod G., Brandon and Earl

Guests Present: Kelly Musselwhite, Mar Martinez de saavedra Alvarez

7:05pm Guest Speakers :

- **Kelly Musselwhite** (5 minutes) to remind/update, the board on the Foreshore Restoration Workshop Sept 24th and 25th .
- **Mar Martinez de Saavedra Alvarez** (25 minutes) to give a presentation and discuss milfoil in Shawnigan lake...what we know, what we need to know, and what we can do about it...

7:35pm Approval of Previous Board Minutes – August minutes to be approved.

7:40pm Review outstanding actions :

- o Calvin presented the need for a calendar of event on our website, and the need to upgrade the architecture, or “platform” on which our website is built. The current application is no longer supported. The board approved up to \$2000 to be spent on both. Calvin will work with Jonathan to effect the change and report back to the board on the status and timelines, expected by mid July. – **Action Calvin**: reported work on the website is underway, including the “calendar of event”, and should be completed by August 17th.
- o Bill Hook spoke to the need to know specifically on what contaminants are in the soil being dumped in our watershed in order that residents with nearby wells can test for the appropriate substances. Al is still trying to contact the Land Remediation Office, MoE to see if this information can be made available on a regular bases to the public. – Al will renew his efforts to get this data and/or make it available to Bill in his interests, and other affected residents. – **Action Calvin** will discuss with Sonia, to see if we can use political pressure (e.g. via Bill Routley) to have this information made available to the public.
- o Calvin brought up his efforts to promote a “stop illegal dumping campaign” using “Crime Stoppers”. Private and public property is often used by some to dump their garbage. This campaign is designed to elicit the public’s help through crime stoppers. The board supported this initiative, in part to demonstrate our interested in more than just the fight against the dumping of contaminated soil in our watershed. **Action: Al** will attend Crimestoppers next board meeting (e.g. Sept 29th) and discuss potential options, and get back to us. – it’s in Al’s calendar

- o Save on Septic – **Action: Garry** is continuing to pursue. The issue relates to Save-on-Septic not being paid for work they did at Shawnigan Station, under the direction of the CVRD, but to be paid by SIA.
- o Rod G's email to the board sparked some discussion. In short, Rod is on both the SRA and SBS board, and also reported on MoE's intension to just focus their water testing on a few surface areas. SBS suggested this was totally inadequate and also agreed with the SRA board that testing should also include ground water and sediment. SBS invited a water sampling company (i.e. LBL) to give a presentation (June 17th) to the SBS board to discuss options. Rod's intent with the email was to alert our board, and explore the option of SRA offering up some funding to conduct this added testing. SRA board definitely supports more testing than initially suggested by MoE but is committed to using our funding efforts to paying down our legal debt obligations. The board discussed option like encouraging new members to join the SRA, and get a discount on water testing of their wells, or lake water sources etc.; encourage people to target heavy metals like cobalt, mercury and lead. Calvin will discuss with Rod G. and Jerrod how we can get on the same page with SBS and work cooperatively towards a similar end, while still meeting our own obligations around funding the legal fight against the dumping of contaminated soil in our watershed. – Jerrod attended a meeting with the MoE, SIA and consultants, to discuss the ongoing testing of the surface water. There doesn't appear to be any money for groundwater and sediment testing, and Jerrod believes perusing them at this time may "muddy" the issue, and distract from the proposed testing. **Action Jerrod:** will follow-up with the independent contractor that MoE hired (i.e. Associated Environmental Consultants Inc.) and provide the board timelines on testing, and reporting out their findings. The board will then discuss what to do next, e.g. relative to groundwater and sediment testing.
- o **Action Calvin:** will pursue the idea of having a large gauge made up and displayed where the public can see it, i.e. somewhere in the Shawnigan Village.

8:00pm **Committee reports** -

- Legal Action Committee – Calvin
 - o Updates?
- SRA Governance Committee – vacant
 - o Updates? **Timing of next AGM?**
- Membership Committee –Dewar / Julia McDougall
 - o Update?.
- Finance Committee – Dewar
 - o No Update
- Fish and Habitat Committee – Jerrod
 - o Updates?
- Water Committee – Grant
 - o Updates?
- Municipal Status Committee – Al
 - o Updates?
- Communications Committee – Al
 - o Updates?
- Government Liaison Committee –Garry

- o Updates?
- Student Committee –Megan and Declan
 - o Updates?

9:00pm

Adjourn

Next Meeting: Tuesday October 18th, 2016