

Fells Pond Annual Meeting - July 15, 2023 — Veterans Outreach Center

- Village Chair Catherine Power opened the meeting at 10:09 AM
- Question about duties of committee members
 - Several people interested in different roles. Ed Cohen distributed a sign-up sheet.
 - Question about possible co-chairs to take over as Catherine Power decided to retire.
- Suggestion to do something for Catherine Power as she steps down from Village Chair after many years
 - Bench engraved with name and thanks
 - Stone w/plaque at one beach
 - Signage dedicated to Catherine with history of the pond at another beach
- Financials are in good shape - excess reserves for road maintenance
 - Only 4 non dues payment
 - Fells Pond Circle needs repaving soon. Roots need to be ground down
 - Estimates to be obtained
- Pond Quality - Solitude Lake Management provides evaluation and treatment service
 - Catherine Power strongly recommends that they continue. They are familiar with the pond over many years.
 - Solitude evaluated the pond last week. No treatment needed at this time
 - County tests for bacteria etc once per week but results are not posted. Suggestion made to distribute to FaceBook Group - **Fells Pond Village at New Seabury.**
 - Question asked if county tests for Cyanobacteria. Catherine Power affirmed that they do.
 - Question about outside contamination from Kayaks etc and can cleaning solutions be left at the beaches. This was not considered to be practical
- Question: Are there by-laws covering issues regarding community norms
 - None - but other villages have them. There was interest from the group to establish a committee to explore.
 - Final approval may be needed from Peninsula Council
- Drains - 32 in Fells Pond Village
 - Good condition - no current problems if people keep them cleared
 - All drain into the pond so these should not be used for disposal
- There is no boat storage allowed at the pond
 - They will be removed if left overnight.
- Gas lights
 - New mantles being installed but it is an ongoing issue
 - Many were replaced already with electric or solar
 - Some are located on private property and not on Reserved Land - may need owner permission
 - Only 12 more need changes - consensus of group was to replace all ASAP
- Contractor signs
 - These are not permitted but it has not been enforced. Call Mike Richardson to have signs pulled

- Cell tower
 - Verizon is only carrier operating but not operating at full power due to osprey nest on the tower
 - BlueSky is tower operator and is negotiating with other carriers but is not responsive to inquiries
 - Timing of full operation uncertain but town is pressuring the operator to ramp up service
- Vandalism is increasing in New Seabury
 - Broken bottles thrown from car in Fells Pond
 - Suggestion to be aware and to lock doors and cars
- Safety
 - Speeding cars No more warnings. Speeders will be ticketed
 - Discussion of excessive speed and reckless operation of electric bikes on Village roads
- Overcrowded rentals discussion
 - Call Board of Health if rental appears to be over capacity
- Status of Icahn development
 - Only 13 more cottages remain to be sold
 - Next development area may be in the area of the Popponesset Inn
- Question about Block Party
 - Suggestion made to try to put together a Village social event
 - Need to be determined by new Village Chair. With help from volunteers
 - Suggestions made for closing off one of the side streets or the end of Fells Pond Rd. There would be limited parking so attendees would be urged to walk to the event
 - Pot-luck supper was suggested as well as a catered clambake or food trucks
- Anita Letendre Rogers accepting names for **Fells Pond Village at New Seabury** Facebook Group. Attendees were given an opportunity to sign up in person at the meeting to expedite the vetting process. Chris Avis plans to use the group to communicate with Village residents.
- Chris Avis was elected by unanimous consent to be the be the new Village Chair. He prefers communication by e-mail (27whaler@gmail.com)
 - A suggestion was made and approved to have co-chairs. This was approved by the group and Rick Santangelo volunteered and was approved by the group. Rick's email is riccomoose@gmail.com
- Dr Ed Cohen asked the group to rise and give outgoing Village Chair Catherine Power a standing ovation for her many years as Chair of Fells Pond Village. All agreed and rose to salute Catherine's service and devotion.
 - Catherine offered to be of help to the new leaders and the group recognized her for being a repository of much needed community history and relationships.
- Meeting adjourned at 11:45 AM

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