

Bolton LDC Meeting- July 29, 2009
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Town of Bolton

Present: Phil Farbaniec, Alexander G. Gabriels III, Jason Saris, Art Baker and Scott Andersen

Absent: Joel Jacko and Kathy Simmes

Phil Farbaniec called the meeting to order at 5:29 p.m.

Treasurer's Report

BLDC- \$30,678.00

Phil Farbaniec stated that they compared their figures from last year this time to this year and found that there is a \$30,000 deficit in gross income. However, this deficit is due to the price of gas. He stated that last year the price of gas was at least \$1.25 more per gallon. So with that taken into consideration they are at approximately the same gross income as last year which is excellent.

Phil Farbaniec stated that they also have seen a slight increase in self-storage/launch from last year. He stated that this is positive and only sees it improving once they really market it.

Jason Saris stated that they may eventually want to get into dry storage and quick launch service for their customers. He stated that they would really only need a truck and whatever additional insurance coverage. He stated that Bayview is getting \$3,800 for the year by providing this service. There was some discussion in using the current truck for Norowal for quick launch. The Board decided that the truck is not in good of shape and it would need to be replaced anyway.

Scott Andersen stated that they really need to promote their current self-storage/launch service better. This would only increase their income. Phil Farbaniec stated that if they promote the self-storage/launch they could expand to providing a quick launch service.

Scott Andersen stated that he feels that this is the type of situation where they will have to make the commitment to buying the truck and advertising, including an updated website for promotion of this service.

Jason Saris stated that this type of service is really appealing to many people. Many do not need their boat on the water but would like to have somewhere to store it so they do not have to haul their boats back and forth every weekend.

Phil Farbaniec asked how this type of service would be run. Scott Andersen explained that the service would need to run extremely efficiently. They would need to be very rigid with the rules

and schedule for launches in order for it to work. He stated at Boats by George, if someone calls to have their boat put in the water, they are given a 15 minute window. If they are not there it is \$175 extra to put the same boat back in the water. This forces people to be on time. Scott Andersen stated that they would need to be sure that they had workers that could handle the flow properly. He stated that the current employees could handle this type of service now. He stated that if they follow the rule rigidly the whole process will flow.

Zandy Gabriels asked if offering this type of service would cause any problems with the other local marinas. Scott Andersen replied that as long as they stay competitive they should not have any problems.

Phil Farbaniec stated that he would like to look into this further but they will need to first do some marketing of their current self-storage/launch.

New Business:

Winter storage fees?

Phil Farbaniec stated that they raised the fees last year and asked if they wanted to consider any changes. The Board agreed to keep the fees the same for the upcoming season.

DEC violations- Issue with gas tanks-

Scott Andersen stated that he sent all information to Mike Muller. He stated that he also spoke with Les Eggleton who indicated that there was nothing that he could do. Scott Andersen stated that Counsel Muller pointed out that the State did reduce the fine and suggested that they pay it rather than fight to have it lowered or removed altogether. He stated that they have paid the fine.

Zandy Gabriels asked if the managers are tracking the gas properly now. Phil Farbaniec replied that he was not sure but he does know that they received some better instruction and seem to feel more comfortable with it.

New meeting schedule-

The Board decided to hold its meetings for August and September at 6:00pm.

Possibly add Norowal Marina to new signs in Town

Zandy Gabriels stated that Supervisor Simmes approached him about possibly adding Norowal Marina's name to the new sign that will sit on Sagamore Street. He stated that it would be a one time fee of \$80. Scott Andersen stated that it was a good idea. The Board agreed and decided to add Norowal to the new sign.

Old Business:

Electrician-

Phil Farbaniec stated that he had a discussion with the managers regarding the use of Mike Fitzgerald as their electrician of record. He stated that Linda Bennett informed him that she

was not aware that Mike Fitzgerald was coming on the site or that he was now their electrician.

Phil Farbaniec stated that there are 9 boats that have the heaviest electrical use on the docks. He feels that they should consider putting those 9 boats on one dock with an upgraded electrical system and charge more. He stated that this will be something that they will need to deal with sooner than later.

Scott Andersen stated that most marinas charge for power especially for heavy use. Art Baker agreed and stated that these individuals are basically living on their boats at the dock.

The Board agreed that they should look at upgrading the electrical and putting the 9 heavy use individuals on one dock. Phil Farbaniec stated that they will look into this in November.

DOT Easement of sign-

Scott Andersen stated that Counsel Muller is still working on this issue.

DEC use of office space-

The DEC have continued to work on the office space but have not occupied the site as of yet.

DEC garbage removal at Norowal

Phil Farbaniec stated that he would still like to discuss this option with DEC. He stated that first they need to establish a better working relationship with the DEC.

Adjourn

Zandy Gabriels moved, seconded by Jason Saris to adjourn at 5:55pm. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Next meeting: Wednesday, August 26, 2009 at 6:00 PM at Town Hall.

Minutes respectfully transcribed by
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Recording Secretary