

Summer Village of Ghost Lake Natural Environment and Lake Stewardship Committee Meeting

April 28, 2018 Laustsen Cabin - Ghost Lake

NELS Committee Members present:

Karen Laustsen Chair
Bruce Lindsay
Connie and Bruce McDonald

Other interested Villagers present:

Bob Miller
Warren Wilson

Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Notes
June 2018	Weed Spray (date will depend on weather)	Contact Danielle at Prairie Environmental
June AGM		

Minutes

	Agenda Item	Discussion/notes	Action/notes
1.	Call to Order and Welcome by Chair	Meeting started at 10:30 AM	
2.	Approval of the Minutes	No amendments made to the Minutes. Approved.	
3.	Actions Taken to Date	<p>(3A) Weed Control Update on the weed control plans from Prairie Environmental</p> <p>(3B) Flood Mitigation Karen has been summarizing the Working Group results</p> <p>(3C) West Spring Enhancement Have cleaned out area and mulched pathway. Hot dry conditions were not conducive to willow staking so this has been postponed. The NELS group also decided that even though it would be interesting to test the water the purpose for doing so needs to be examined before going ahead.</p>	<p>Karen has contacted Prairie Environmental</p> <p>Bob Miller to investigate status of government action on Working Group report</p>

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		(3D) NELS has organized a successful Astrology Night (with assistance from Jeff Zambory and an informational session on Fish (with assistance of MD of Bighorn).	
4.	Projects Underway	<p>(4A) West Spring Enhancement “Willow staking as per the recommendations of <i>Cows and Fish</i>. Construction of a simple bridge to replace the existing old platform that is disintegrating .</p> <p>(4B) Lodgepole Pine Relocation Relocate the Lodgepole Pine seedlings from Connie’s yard to suitable locations in a way that views will not be impeded. We have chosen 5 sites which have to be flagged for ALBERTAONECALL so that digging can proceed safely.GPS locations will be provided to Council.</p> <p>(4C) Dock Expansion The NELS Committee would like to understand the details of the proposed plan and costs (both already expended Engineering study costs and expected project/construction costs to completion) since it has been years since there has been any communication on this project We have been told that permitting is underway although Council has yet to officially approve the project; little information has been provided by the Dock Committee or Council for several years and it is time to bring Villagers up-to-speed with the initiative before further Village funds are invested.</p>	<p>Karen will organize a work group to do the Willow staking in May. Materials for the bridge construction have been donated by Connie and Bob Miller.</p> <p>Plan to do this in May so young trees have a time to overcome shock of transplanting before Winter. Karen to initiate AlbertaOneCall.</p> <p>Members of the NELS Committee wish to attend the next Dock Committee Meeting.</p> <p>Bruce Lindsay, current Chair of the Dock Committee, will advise NELS members of upcoming Dock Committee meetings and provide a review of the chronology of events, maps and minutes of past meetings.</p> <p>Bruce will also contact Doug Stewart who has the engineering report for Option L. A review of this report by the NELS Committee and other interested Villagers will help to provide transparency and information required for the Village to be able to move forward with this potential project.</p> <p>A list detailing those people still requiring a dock space to</p>

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		(4D) ALMS has included the Ghost Lake Reservoir in the 2018 water testing initiative.	understand the fundamental need will be provided by Bruce.
5.	Other Actions Required	<p>(5A) Municipal Development Plan</p> <p>(5B) Update on State of the Ghost River Watershed report by GWAS Report is NOW posted and available at: http://www.ghostwatershed.ca/.GWAS/ewExternalFiles/.GHOSTSOW_FINAL_April2018s.pdf</p> <p>(5C) Investigation of Composting Techniques in order to facilitate improvement of the Composte area which has become overgrown and unsitely.</p>	<p>Karen to volunteer as a NELS representative with Bruce McDonald acting as an alternate</p> <p>.</p> <p>Bob Miller to contact Olds College to provide information on composting techniques</p>
6.	Miscellaneous	<p>(6A) Continue to provide feedback and support to minimize clearcutting</p> <p>(6B) Formation of a Stewardship Group.</p>	
7.	Adjournment	Motion to adjourn: Karen Laustsen	Meeting adjourned at 11:45am