

Summer Village of Ghost Lake Natural Environment and Lake Stewardship Committee Meeting *Draft Minutes*

July 30 / 2018 Laustsen cabin - #711 Summer Village of Ghost Lake

Karen Laustsen – Co-Chair
 Bob Miller – Co-Chair
 Bruce MacDonald
 Connie Beaton
 Adrienne MacDonald-Smith

Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Notes
July 30, 2018	NELSC meeting – 10:00 am	Cabin #711, Ghost Lake Village (Karens Cabin)

Minutes

	Agenda Item	Discussion/notes	Action/notes
	Call to Order and Welcome by Co-Chair	Meeting started at 10:15 AM	Purpose: To check on the status of the projects currently underway
1.	Water Testing Status	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A June water test was not possible since the water was so low that access by boat was not possible. ALMS was notified and NELS will do testing later in the open water season.to make up the deficit. First test will take place July 31st Subsequent monthly tests will happen through September, and possibly into October 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Karen to assist Bob in the data gathering Bob to send samples and data sheet to ALMS Bob to check with ALMS with questions regarding the interpretation of the procedure for data gathering and sample testing
2.	Willow Staking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> West Spring planting to improve aesthetics, provide habitat and eventually act as a deterrent to cars trying to access the lake Harvest 2.0 to 3.0 ft long ¾ to 1.0 inch diameter branches from local willow bushes during the dormant season and then soak in water for 5-7 days. Plant stakes to create new 	Karen et al to collect willow branches in advance and soak for one week. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Karen to advertise this as a volunteer educational opportunity. Planting of 20 to 30 willow stakes over the West Springs area.

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		<p>willow growth.(September)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education and outreach (in August/September) needed since will need volunteers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exact timing dependent on tree relocation project • Bob to borrow tools for drilling a pilot hole
3.	Leaf and Grass Collection Area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The current collection point for grass and leaves has become an eyesore and is extending South into the garbage bin area. There are no physical boundaries defined. • Contacted Alberta Environment and Parks and they consider this is of the scale and character of a Class II Compost Facility • This type of facility would require temperature and groundwater monitoring, aeration and a certified operator during operating hours, which is beyond our capability. 	<p>There are several options to consider:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Taking all of the material away and starting up a defined collection point that would be monitored and then removed annually 2. Spreading out the existing mound and reclaiming the land. Composting on private property would replace the public land collection area. 3. NELS to consult with the public works committee to assess the options and report back to Council in September
4.	Lodgepole Pine Relocation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The trees need to be relocated this Fall since access to Connie's yard will not be convenient in August. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connie is contacting an arborist to determine if and when he is available to assist.
5.	GWAS State of the Watershed Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can we summarize the results of this report for the Ghost Lake Village. It is important to understand the health of the watershed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bob Miller is on a committee that will be releasing a summary paper in September; pdf's of the document can be distributed to Villagers. • Can explore having a GWAS representative make a presentation in the Village in the Fall
6.	Concern about a potential parking area needed to access the proposed new Docks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From an earlier meeting with the Dock Sub-Committee this spring there was a lack of clarity on whether a new parking area would be required to support operation of the potential new dock location in the west end of the Village. • Concern was expressed as to where that parking area might be located (on Village parks and natural areas?), how large it might be and how it would be accessed from existing roads. • The natural area adjacent to the new docks could become a parking lot for trailers and vehicles when people access their docks in the new proposed expansion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to set up a meeting with the Dock Committee and the Public Works Committee to understand how they are proposing to handle vehicles at the new site.