

Minutes from September 13, 2021 Conservation Committee Meeting

- 1) Agenda revised by Jeanne to include only Lake Plan Survey Results as presented by Carol
- 2a) Carol addressed only Lake Plan and Conservation survey questions; Steven Owen had included questions as President of the GLPOA also as he provided usage of the Survey Monkey
- b) There was a commitment made in initial Lake Plan that the survey would be revisited
- c) 87% response rate (90% on 2012 survey but fewer owners then); 14/27 lots have changed hands since the first survey
- 3) Comments regarding **Question 2**—Why did you decide to move to Growler Lake?
 - i) Heartening to see 18 people indicating due to quietness and beauty of natural surroundings
 - ii) One person mentioned rental income
 - iii) Investment/Property Value was a new inclusion on 2021 survey as well as no jet skis (which 7 people chose)
 - iv) Not as big of a change from 2012 survey as some expected; no obvious discrepancies with more support in some areas
- 4) Comments regarding **Question 3**—Why do you stay at Growler Lake?
 - i) Significant changes--Quiet Lake and Community Commitment to Conservation were notably higher
 - ii) "Water sports" was lower on this survey than 2012 but was worded as kayaking, canoeing, paddle boating and "power boating" was a section on its own; discussion alluded to the fact that the change in wording may account for some of the difference
- 5) Comments regarding **Question 4**--What is most important for you and your lake property regarding conservation?
 - i) Distinguishing the results in graph form presents some challenges but the obvious feedback from the question is that a healthy lake is important
 - ii) Forest Fire control was a new addition to 2021 survey
 - iii) Healthy septic systems may be lower due to the fact that Dysart et al is now completing inspections
 - iv) The wording change from "Control of Boats on Lake" (2021 survey) vs "Limitation of Size of Boat Motors" (2012 survey) may have contributed to the lower rating of importance for "Control of Boats on Lake" as a number of personal comments reflected concern about the # or use of boats on the lake.
- 6) Comments regarding **Question 6**....which of the following areas would you like to see more information or content?
 - i) Best conservation practices and shoreline conservation were the highest at 4/5 respectively
 - ii) Low response to this question may be related to the fact that 13 people rarely or never use the website

iii) Reid said not to be disillusioned by the lack of use by members as indication is that non-members utilize the website

iv) The Website use was discussed and Jeanne stated she had hoped members would use the revamped website more to help identify plants, invasive species, and for other education and research but if they were really not using it, as per survey results, then she felt a lot less pressure to keep those conservation areas current all the time. Carol mentioned that there are apps for that and that some people use them already and Brenda suggested that people could be referred to one.

v) Also the comment was made that the newsletter, as a hard copy, may have greater impact on more crucial issues such as invasive species and blue green algae

vi) Sue Vorvis created the website in approximately 2015. Reid said he expected that the website was more widely used by people interested in buying on, renting at, or visiting Growler Lake.

7) Comments regarding **Question 15** regarding social events; would appear that reinstatement of all previous events is important to the majority

8) Comments regarding **Question 16**—Do you have any concerns you would like addressed by the Association?

i) Several of the responses are not responsibility of the Conservation Committee and thus will be addressed further by the executive

ii) Comment 4—“unauthorized use of boats on the lake (including use of boats by renters)” and Comment 9—“the wolves and bears” are the only 2 the CC will address as #4 is related to invasive species and #9 is educational based

9) Comments regarding **Question 18**--What would you like Growler Lake to look like it 10 years time?

i) Comments were very similar to 2012 survey (same as it is today) but with more focus

ii) Interesting to note that 10 comments included mention of pristine conditions (or similar wording)

iii) 4 comments included something about rental issues

10) Comments for AGM Presentation regarding the 2021 Survey

Allan suggested that Carol start with the results of Question 18 (10 year vision) as it is very powerful lead into Why Move, Why Stay and concerns we can address as a Conservation Committee (note: Steve will address others)

Carol will thank members for their responses to the survey

Jeanne clarified to Steve Owen that the revised edition will be worked on in 2022 for publishing in 2023

11) THANK YOU CAROL FOR COMPILING A GREAT SURVEY AND FOR THE TIME YOU DEVOTED TO COMPILE THE RESULTS FOR TONIGHT'S MEETING

As Reid indicated, it is heartening to review

12)Additional Discussion

Allan commented about traversing the entire lake which lead to further discussion about visiting if it would be possible to make a walking trail around the lake available to all

Allan volunteered to speak to Vitali and Dave Baxter

A discussion to be held at a later date

NEXT MEETING TO ADDRESS AGENDA FORWARDED FOR TONIGHT'S MEETING—SEPTEMBER 27TH