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September 20, 2007

TREASURER’S REPORT (continued)

BALANCE ON HAND – PREVIOUS:

Bank of America Checking Account \$10,988.64
NJ Cash Management Fund 37,668.76

TOTAL \$48,657.40

RECEIPTS

Interest from Bank of America (August) 2.57
Interest from Cash Management Fund (August)..... 180.42
2007 Assessments (Ocean) 10,215.00

TOTAL RECEIPTS.....10,397.99

BILLS PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT – September 20, 2007

Village of Loch Arbour (September)541.67
Princeton Hydro, LLC (July)350.00
Lorraine Carafa - reimbursement6.66
John Zazzarino – reimbursement21.38
The Coaster53.36
Hunt Parry, Esq.....600.00

TOTAL BILLS AND OTHER DISBURSEMENTS.....\$1,573.07

BALANCES AFTER SEPTEMBER DISBURSEMENTS

Bank of America Checking Account\$19,633.14
NJ Cash Management Fund37,849.18

TOTAL\$57,482.32

Recorded Vote:

Ayes: Allenhurst, Asbury Park, Deal, Loch Arbour, Neptune, Ocean
Nays: None
Absent: Interlaken

OLD BUSINESS

1. Weed Harvesting – negotiated proposal - minimum cost of \$10,000 for use of the aquamog received from Aquatic Analysts (sole vendor in New Jersey) includes \$3,200 for mobilization/demobilization; services at \$285.00/hour. Vendor is unable to provide services until early November. Mr. Rokaw indicated that in a conversation he had with the vendor last evening, the vendor is available for a short time beginning next week for harvesting only. Dr. Souza reported in detail on the harvesting process, the equipment needed and the scope of the project, including that areas close to the shore or near obstructions cannot be done due to equipment limitations. Mrs. LoBuono stated that she may know of a licensed disposal site in Colts Neck; she will provide the information to Chairman Everson. Dr. Souza also discussed the application of an herbicide as a viable alternative. Dr. Souza recommended the Commission consider waiting until next year, as the weed growing season is nearly ended for this year. Mr. Rokaw urged the Commission to move forward with the project this year. Dr. Souza explained that the Commission has been attempting to engage this contractor since the Spring, and the failure to accomplish this project this year is not for lack of trying on the Commission’s part. The discussion continued for several minutes, including a discussion of the benefits of using the

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OLD BUSINESS (continued)

aquamog compared to the harvester, with the aquamog providing a more cost effective alternative. A second component of the discussion included the lack of a disposal site for the harvested material. Mr. Everson stated that he had spoken with Larry Zaayenga, Solid Waste Coordinator for Monmouth County, could not recommend a disposal site that would incur a significant cost to the Commission. Mr. Everson also stated that the State must bear responsibility for assisting the Commission and area municipalities in the disposal of the harvested material. Mr. Zazzarino stated that he has had contact with Assemblyman Kean who has volunteered to introduce legislation to obtain financing for lake projects if the Commission will provide him with the number. By consensus, the Commission will try to find a low-cost disposal site. Mr. Avakian reported that the County must provide a disposal site for dredged material from coastal lakes.

2. Gatehouse Electrification – The Engineer reports that Precise Construction has agreed to supply an estimate; Mr. Avakian advised that he will prepare an estimate independent of the contractor for comparison purposes.
3. **RSWMP:**
 - a. **UPON MOTION** of Ocean, seconded by Deal, carried, that Deal Lake Commission does hereby authorize an application for a “no-cost” extension be and the same is hereby authorized for submission to the Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Watershed Management for the Regional Stormwater Management Grant (RP04-082) through March 31, 2008.

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Ayes: Allenhurst, Asbury Park, Deal, Loch Arbour, Neptune, Ocean

Nays: None

Absent: Interlaken

- b. Dr. Souza discussed the priority list of projects to be included in the RSWMP:
 1. Creation of a regional stormwater basin at Mayer Dam (Harvey Brook);
 2. Creation of a regional stormwater basin at Seaview Square;
 3. Creation of a regional stormwater basin at Hollow Brook;
 4. Electrification of the Flume gates;
 5. Mapping of sanitary sewer lines throughout the watershed to determine the sources of fecal coliform contamination.

Dr. Souza has received a verbal commitment from Pat Rector for the approval of the no-cost time extension, since the primary reason that this is necessary is the slow response of the DEP to the Characterization and Assessment element of the plan. The Milestone 3 meeting (mandatory projects) is tentatively scheduled for mid-October. At Mr. Everson’s request, Dr. Souza reported on the status of the RSWMP – the Commission’s part of the project is completed, the DEP must approve the various elements of the final plan. The RSWMP cannot contain projects such as weed harvesting or dredging.

The Interlaken representative arrived at this time (7:55 PM).

4. Scheduled Events:
 - a. September Clean-up (canoes/kayaks) –September 22, 9:30 AM, meet at Asbury Boat ramp;
 - b. Hollow Brook area lake lowering permit received for period October 1 through 6, inclusive;
 - c. October Clean-up/Lake Lowering Reminder – October 6 through October 14, inclusive, tentative dates as lake lowering permit has not yet been received from Fish and Game.

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5. Seaview Square - (Petsmart) – Final report: the Engineer reported that the project is completed; the contractor restored the bank well. The contractor has not yet removed all the erosion control devices, but the Engineer has spoken to a representative of the contractor who agreed to have the devices removed.
6. Firemen’s Pond – Mr. Everson has contacted representatives of the Wanamassa Fire Company to coordinate the efforts to beautify the area and improve the bank by removing some of the excessive tree growth on the bank. Dr. Souza has agreed to assist in the planning phase of the project.
7. Signage Contest – Mr. Everson stated that the posters will be put on the Commission’s website soon.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Dr. Souza reported that the two day lake course sponsored by Rutger’s will be held in November and the North American Lake Management Society conference will be held in late October in Orlando.
2. Mr. Zazzarino suggested that all the Monmouth County lake commission meet to discuss their common problems and goals, and combine their collective voice to obtaining funding for projects. He also advised that he met with the Asbury Park City Manager and discussed the City’s request for payment and the fact that each Commission municipality also contributes manpower and equipment to the various Commission projects. Mr. Avakian reported that he had started a database of various Lake commissions and would be willing to assist in this project.
3. Mr. Meyer advised the public that Rutger’s is sponsoring a Stream-side Living Seminar geared to adjacent property owners in October in Freehold.

PUBLIC HEARING

There being no further business, and UPON MOTION of Deal, seconded by Ocean, carried, that the meeting be opened to the public for comments.

Brian Mullins, Bimble Blvd., asked if weed harvesting done this year will have an effect on weed growth next year. Dr. Souza advised that there would be minimal effect. After some additional comments, Mr. Mullins suggested that time and money would be better spent preparing for the project next year. The following persons also spoke to the weed issue:

M. Martino, Bryan Avenue, urged the Commission to do the weed harvesting project now; request assistance from the County and find the source of the fecal coliform contamination;

D. Buehler, Ballard Drive, urged the Commission to chemically treat the weeds next year, to solve the siltation problem affecting the Lake and to limit the lake lowerings, as he feels that they are detrimental to the general health of the lake. D. Buehler suggested planning for next Spring rather than this year.

M. Marino, Lincoln Drive, stated that siltation was a problem in Terrace Pond. Dr. Souza explained that the Commission was required to leave the source of the siltation in Terrace Pond by the DEP, and the Commission’s plans, prepared by Mr. Avakian, included a sedimentation basin that DEP would not let the Commission install this basin.

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PUBLIC HEARING (continued)

Mr. Rokaw reminded those present that Terrace Pond is essentially a private area with limited public access. Mr. Everson stated that there is public access there.

B. Beauchamp asked who is responsible for trees in the lake. Mr. Parry stated that because the Lake is not open to the ocean, neither the State Marine Police nor the Coast Guard have jurisdiction. Each municipality would have to adopt an Ordinance holding a property owner responsible if a tree falls from their property into the lake.

B. Stuart, Bryant Avenue, stated that the weeds are worse this year than before, and believes that weed harvesting has worked well. He also identified weed harvesting and siltation are two major problems, and that weed disposal is the greater problem.

D. Harrah, Ballard Drive, stated that lowering the lake and weed harvesting are not compatible. Mr. Everson advised that if weed harvesting will be done, the lake will not be lowered.

L. Beauchamp, unknown address, questioned the Commission's planning for weed harvesting. Mr. Rogers advised that since the last weed harvesting, the DEP has changed the regulations affecting weed disposal. Mr. Parry explained the relationship between the Commission and the participating municipalities.

M. Rice advised that a meeting to reestablish the "Friends of Deal Lake" will be held on October 4 at Sunset Landing.

Mr. Everson stated that this group of Commissioners are the most engaged and active in many years, and they are trying their best to function with limited funding.

Mr. Rogers stated that last year, many of the public were here complaining about flooding, this year it's weed harvesting and that the Commission is trying to address everyone's concerns with very limited funding. Mr. Zazzarino suggested that the public join together to assist the Commission in expressing the needs of the Lake to the various politicians. Mr. Everson advised that a State of the Lake report will be forthcoming.

There being no further comments, and UPON MOTION of Ocean, seconded by Interlaken, carried, that the public hearing be closed.

UPON MOTION of Ocean, seconded by Interlaken,, carried, that the meeting be finally adjourned at 9:40 PM.

LORRAINE CARAFA, R.M.C.
Commission Clerk

