

Portage lake Harbor Commission  
11-19-21

September 30 minutes approved and passed.

Members present: Frank English, Kevin Hughes, Chuck May, Steve Brooks, Jim Simons.

Members absent: Roger Burger.

Frank English: No new information to report on the Great Lakes Basin Report.

Steve Brooks: Shared information he had gathered regarding No-Wake signage: The agreed sign was 18 inches by 24 inches made from aluminum with reflectorized embossing. At \$45.00 each. Steve also noted that the Coast Guard here in Manistee would not have anything to do with the signs since signage depended on the Village or Township responsibilities. The Coast Guard reminded Steve that their jurisdiction related to navigation and not signage attached to the pier heads.

Jim Simons indicated that we needed to get permission from The Corp Of Engineer's before attaching the signs.

Kevin Hughes: Contact was made with Bob Gezzon and he looks forward to becoming a member of the commission pending passage from the Onekama Township. Bob indicated that during his Three- Month absence to Mexico that his business Manager; Mr. Duncan would attend meetings for him. Kevin asked if Ted Bromley was also coming on board.

Discussion followed in regard to Having the Commission meet with Portage Lake Association in the near future to look up new ways to improve the quality of life here in Onekama as we look toward the future and expansion ideas. Creative ideas were shared in acknowledging what works, in our community .

Chuck May: Gave a presentation on several harbors similar to ours and their by-laws. He gave illustrations and suggestions for the revamping of our by-laws. He had contact with Mark Breederland, of Sea Grant, and Harbor Sustainability Initiative. He suggested some restructuring of our true current mission to the Portage Lake Community. In addition to remind members of the need every Five Years to have the Channel Dredged. Chuck indicated that he would resign effective the end of January 2022.

Kevin Hughes was asked by President Jim Simons, to take what was suggested and give a report at the January 13<sup>th</sup> meeting in 2022.

Jim Simons: encouraged discussion in pursuing meeting with PLA about improving Portage Lake. He indicated that some payments had been received to help defray the cost of Memorial Coins. He informed the commissioners that Ted Bromley, was seriously considering joining the commission. Jim encouraged the members to take part in selling of the coins at the Christmas Bazaar held at the Onekama School Gymnasium this weekend 11-20-21.

Next Meeting January 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am Onekama Township Hall-Fire Barn.

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