

Borough of Mountain Lakes
Lakes Management Advisory Committee
November 3, 2015

Opened meeting at 7:33

Chair: Susan Ferguson

Members: Cook, Dewing, Kuehm, Mesicek, Russo, Tippy, Wexler

Manager: Out on medical leave.

Allied Biological: Chris Doyle

Council Liaison: Peter Holmberg

Environmental Commission: Alison Rankin

Chair:

October minutes approved.

Chair has told Borough Clerk that all members wish to continue.

Discussion with Council Liaison about beaver control. Borough Staff has taken action, discussed with State DEP staff. DEP is investigating what trappers may be available. Discussion of limits on number of beaver taken, beaver per trapper. Suggestion that Borough be willing to pay trappers over and above their profit from sale of pelts, in order to incent maximum take from Mountain Lakes.

Allied Biological:

Discussion of bid process between Borough Staff and Allied Biological.

Discussion of odor at Midvale Dock and Allied's investigation of the causes. Unusual exposure of normally submerged surfaces. Tests for sulfates found detectable but minimal levels. Some algal sheen.

Allied discussed dates for year end report. Probably March for the presentation. Allied will get the report itself completed and distributed in December.

With the forecast of a warmer winter, Eurasian Milfoil is likely to

rebound. We did not have to do a Sonar treatment in Mountain Lake in 2015, probably due in part to the hard winter. Additional restrictions on copper sulfate may limit targeting small areas.

Old Business:

New Business: Discussion of photo showing small trees in the dam between Birchwood and Crystal.

Adjourned: 8:21 PM
Next Meeting 12/1/15