

Conservation/UW-EX Education Committee
January 9, 2021
Public Hearing on the Crescent Lake District Minutes

Call to order: Chairman Bob Mott called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. noting the meeting was properly posted and the facility is handicap accessible. The Chair asked that all state your name before speaking or when making a motion.

Approve Agenda: Motion by Winkler/ Thome to approve today's agenda. All ayes: motion carried.

Committee members present: Chairman Bob Mott, Bob Thome Jr, Mitch Ives and Jim Winkler.

Others Present: Brian Desmond, Corporation Counsel; Karl Jennrich, Zoning/ Land Water Conservation, Michele Sadauskas, County Conservationist, and Mike Romportl, Land Information, Karen Grossbier, and Meredith Kroening.

Announcements:

Michele Sadauskas announced before the meeting, that anyone who would like to testify, or go on record for or against the lake district must register by chat via zoom to Sadauskas in the Land Water and Conservation department.

Chairman Mott gave an overview of the lake district formation process. The Oneida County Board assigns the duty of presenting for public hearing any request for proposed lake districts. The purpose is to allow citizens to comment on the proposed Crescent Lake District, protection and rehabilitation district. Committee and County staff made introductions.

Brian Desmond reviewed the procedure of the hearing and for committee to take comments from people for or against the proposed lake district for Crescent Lake. No decision is made today. The Land and Water Conservation department will have three months to provide a formal report to the County Board, it will review and verify signatures and if the minimum 51% of the landowner or owners of 51% of the land has been met. Within six months of this hearing, the County Board will give notice of the final decision to decide on whether or not to allow the lake district to form.

Karl Jennrich read the Notice of the Public Hearing into the record. The class one notice appeared in the Northwoods River News on December 18, 2020 and proof of publication is contained in the file. It was posted on the Oneida County Bulletin Board on December 28, 2020, on the OCLW.org website, and in the Crescent Lake Public Lake District page. The correspondence files received were reviewed publically with 7 in favor and 1 opposed.

Public comments: Representatives of landowner groups were: Jim Gerke, Ryan Peterson, and Maria Rudesill. No representatives of government agencies and non-governmental agencies spoke.

Individual Comments: Sadauskas reviewed the registration process, the speaking order, the three-minute time limit. There were 21 were registered and those who commented were: Mark and Melissa Mergenthaler, Cindy Hermel, Terry Goldbach, Jim Kilgore, Connie Anderson, Dennis Southworth, Donna Stone, Alan Janssen, Roger Shandley, John Dusenbery, John Knutson, Harvey Wolff, Sandra McKitrick, Richard Lower, Michael Pazdernik, Joan Jensen, Robb Jensen, Bruce Hagan, Ryan Peterson and Wendy Goldbach.

Chairman Mott called for last comments and closed the public portion of the public hearing. The Committee had no further Comments from the committee members. A draft report will be presented to the UW-Extension/Conservation Committee on February 8, 2021 at 1:00 pm in the County Board Room at the Courthouse. The final report will be presented at the March 8 meeting of that same committee, where a Resolution to the Oneida County Board of Supervisors for the March 16, 2021 County Board meeting, held on the 2nd Floor of the Courthouse, at 9:30 a.m. The final vote for the approval or denial of the proposed Crescent Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District will be at the April 20, 2021 Oneida County Board meeting at 9:30 a.m. These dates and actions are all tentative at this time.

Adjournment: Motion by Winkler/Thome to adjourn at 3:10 p.m.

Bob Mott

Bob Mott, Committee Chair

Merry Lehner

Merry Lehner, Recording Secy.