

June 28, 2021

The Saratoga Town Board met at 5:30 p.m. in the town hall. Chairman Rickaby called the meeting to order. All members were present. The meeting was officially noticed on June 26, 2021.

Carrell made a motion to grant the operator's licenses for Amanda Edgerly, Jackie Rucker, Damion Ebert, Spring Ebert, Colton Wolosek, and Alysha Wolosek contingent that the previous license information is received. McDonald seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board discussed projects where a grant request could be submitted to the Wood County CEED Committee. Gordon Wipperfurth has been in contact with Wisconsin River Power Company; he is scheduling to meet with representatives to discuss the possibility of using their land south of Ten Mile Avenue and west of County Road Z down to the County line as a nature area with better access and parking area, picnic tables, a series of walking trails, and outhouses. He would like to partner with them to do some updates to the small boat access just north of the county line and possibly rename it to Saratoga Landing at the Elbow. The entire plan would also include Historic Pointe Basse. Representatives from the group discussed their plans to use an old railroad depot that would be turned into a visitor's center and museum. The Town and Historic Pointe Basse worked together last year to create a larger cul de sac at the end of Wakely Road and create a blue water landing off of the cul de sac for kayak and canoe launching.

The public access to NEPCO Lake was discussed. The work that would need to be completed was discussed; putting gravel in the parking area, chips on the path and look at reducing the slope of the hill to the water.

If Wisconsin River Power Company approved the use of their property as a nature area and updates to the boat landing, the project including Historic Pointe Basse would be the first project the Town would like to submit a larger grant application. If it is not approved, the Town will try to submit grants for a couple smaller projects in the Town. The due date for the grant submission is July 9th. Leichtnam made a motion for the Town to proceed to submit a grant request(s) to Wood County CEED Committee for funding for tourist, recreation, and natural preserve area. McDonald seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

McDonald made a motion to adjourn. Carrell seconded it. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:58 pm.

Heidi Kawleski, Clerk