



OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
June 16, 2015
6:30 p.m.
Village Green, 47 Hall Street

Attendance: Tom Counts, Jim Hrivnak, Frank Bertone, Jon Bennehoof, Steve Lutz, and Megan Canavan.

I. POND MAINTENANCE/AERATION

The Committee discussed their thoughts and ideas regarding whether or not aeration should be utilized in ponds throughout the year. Tom Counts stated there are many options that could be considered, including (1) fenced ponds with one entrance to keep people off them; (2) not run aerators in the winter in order to allow them to freeze over. The problem with this is that in milder weather it may give an illusion that the ice is thicker than it really is; (3) provide some type of rescue stations, such as ropes, along ponds; and (4) leave the ponds as-is with aerators running.

Jim Hrivnak commented that a pond is a hazard regardless of the time of year. He stated that by running aerators it might keep ice from forming and keep people off the ponds.

Tom Counts stated that throughout much of the year, aerators provide benefits to ponds and suggested turning them off in the winter may not reduce or eliminate risks.

Jon Bennehoof felt that turning off aerators might give you a false sense of security by making it look like there is a thick sheet of ice.

The Committee agreed that public education was important and to promote the hazards of ponds, whether it be in the summer or winter.

II. ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.