

**VILLAGE OF TUXEDO PARK
SPECIAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
MARCH 23, 2012
10:00 a.m.**

Present: Mayor Thomas Wilson
Trustee Alan Heywood
Trustee Liane Neuhauser
Trustee Robert Zgonena

Absent: Deputy Mayor David du Pont

Clerk: Deborah Matthews

Also: Jim & Nancy Hays, David McFadden

Mayor Wilson called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Watershed Assessment Association (WAA) Proposal for Water Testing

Mayor Wilson read the list of items that WAA (J. Kelly Nolan, Senior Taxonomist) would be testing in the water of the lakes, ponds and streams as outlined in their proposal. The items are detailed below. It was noted that WAA uses NYSDEC protocols for their biological lake assessments. It was suggested that the testing be done on sites under the Village's control.

Watershed Assessment Association Proposal:

- \$1,250 for each sample site: Indian Kill (above Four Corner's Pond); Top of Warwick Brook, Middle of Warwick Brook, Bottom of Warwick Brook, Bottom of Patterson Brook.
- 4 individual samples at each site
- 3 samples processed
- 1 sample held in reserve in case others do not meet similarity requirements
- Physical habitat assessment: basic water parameters, dissolved oxygen, water temperature, ph of water
- Collect bugs
- Take site photos
- Turnaround time – 1 week
- Statistics, Reporting – 1 week
 - Water Quality Evaluation
 - Interpretation Methods
 - Follows methods of NYS DEC type of assessment work
 - Only lab that has certified taxonomists
 - DEC 303D & 305B reporting – “Impaired Water’s List” & “Priorities Water Bodies List”
- Contact Tuxedo Park Associates, Jehovah’s Witness, Town of Tuxedo, Palisades Interstate Park Commission

A discussion was held.

A motion was made by Mayor Wilson, seconded by Trustee Heywood that the Board approve the total budget not exceed \$10,000 for water testing of the Wee Wah and any streams that flow into it, including Warwick Brook (the bottom, top and middle), the Indian Kill Stream above Four-Corners Pond and the middle of Patterson Brook, and that any of these studies will have to have the approval of the Village Attorney Rick Golden before the Village enters into an agreement with WAA and we are also going to contact the owners of properties on the streams to have them share in the cost or to do the testing themselves as the Village doesn't have the right to go onto their property to do the tests and this would include the Tuxedo Park Association, the Jehovah Witnesses, the Town of Tuxedo, and the Palisades Park Commission.

Vote of the Board: 3 ayes, 1 nay (Zgonena)

The motion was passed by a 3-1 vote.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Mayor Wilson, seconded by Trustee Heywood that the meeting be adjourned at 10:24 a.m. The vote was 4-0 in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah A. Matthews
Village Clerk-Treasurer