

MEETING MINUTES
Town of Spider Lake
Health, Safety and Environment Committee
October 1, 2026

1. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 4:35pm by Chair Johnson. In attendance were Berkopce, Bloomquist, Conroy, Johnson, Lawton, Thearin and Amery.

Quent Johnson acknowledged the attendance of Anders Helquist, attorney with the Weld Riley law firm. Mr. Helquist was afforded the opportunity to comment on his work with riparian property owners that have engaged him to pursue efforts to persuade the Town Board to revisit its decision enacting Ordinance #2025-1, restricting certain artificial wake enhancement.

2. Approve agenda for Thursday October 1, 2026. Motion by Amery, seconded by Thearin. Motion carried.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Web Page - Bob Berkopce reviewed a draft document he developed as an overview of the Health, Safety and Environment Committee. The Committee recommends that it be forwarded to Kathy Schultz for posting on the Town website.

6. Safety Patrol Officer needs – 2027. Quent Johnson reviewed steps for recruiting and supporting a safety officer to enforce boating ordinances. He commented on outfitting requirements for establishing on-lake activities. More discussion to follow at upcoming Town Board meetings.

7. Reporting Update - Bill Amery circulated a summary of responses received through September 28th in the trial program for reporting observed boating ordinance infractions. The process supporting this program and a brief summary of findings was covered. There was general agreement on the utility of the results and that the program should be continued into next year. The Committee's thoughts will be reviewed at an upcoming Town Board meeting.

8. Fall Cleanup Day for Fire Station #2 – Quent Johnson noted that volunteers are needed to help with the clean-up of Fire Station #2. A date for the event will be determined and an invitation for volunteers will be sent out in the near future.

9. Fire Department Administrative Help – Quent Johnson discussed that the SLVFD is in need of administrative help in the areas of payroll records and grants administration. He will send out a notice to see if anyone is interested in helping out. Bianca Fogal has recently taken on the role of Secretary for the SLVFD.

10. Amendment to Town of Spider Lake ordinance #02 – 2024 – Quent Johnson explained two proposed changes to this ordinance (Section 5. b. i.) that will increase the minimum size of lakes where waterskiing is allowed from 50 acres to 100 acres, and that will include Ghost Lake, in addition to Lost Land and Teal, as lakes where waterskiing is prohibited. Both changes are safety related. The Committee will recommend adoption of these changes to the TOSL Board.

11. Amendment to Town of Spider Lake buoy ordinance – Quent Johnson proposed an amendment to the Town buoy ordinance that would add the placement of bouys at each opening in the channel between Clear and Little Spider Lakes. Amery moved for approval, seconded by Conroy. Motion carried. The Committee's decision will be forwarded to the Town Board where approval of the amendment will be considered.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Conroy, seconded by Thearin. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:47 pm

Respectfully submitted
Bill Amery, Vice Chair