

Board steers clear of lake dispute

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The Sumner town board held its monthly meeting on Saturday, Mar. 9 and voted to decline a request from the Albion town board to sign on to a letter requesting access to the Rock-Koshkonong Lake District's financial records. The vote was unanimous.

Albion town board chair Roger Olson and Koshkonong town board chair Fred Walling have already signed the letter. Milton town board chair Bryan Meyer has signed a similar letter.

Members of the three town boards want to know what the \$40 per-tax parcel that the District levies in the form of special assessments from residents in the four towns is being used for. They also have questions about the process the District used in setting the amount of the assessment and whether the District complied with procedural requirements established by state law.

Sumner town board members thought the issue was overblown. "I get the feeling that it's someone who's anti-District who's just stirring up trouble," said Frank Micale, who used to serve on the District's board. "I believe someone is poking their nose in where they don't belong." Micale added that the District's records are already available to the public. "The towns never send

a representative to the annual meeting, when the financial report is available to them."

In other news, the board approved an alcohol server's permit for Kimberly Schuett, announced that State Representative Andy Jorgensen will hold a listening session at the town hall on Monday, Mar. 18 from 1:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., and learned that it cannot designate state-owned parcels located inside the town's boundaries as sites for disaster debris storage and removal.