

HOLLAND LAKE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting held on August 24, 2015

Called to Order: 6:30PM

Attendance: Chris McCooe, Dennis Allard, Eli Gillen, Lynn Arnold, Chad Brigham, John Stevens, Suzanne Wilbur

Absent: None

Old Business: None

New Business:

- Discussed the process through which Eli Gillen came to be the chairman of the Lake Oversight Committee. Gillen stepped down as chairman for the evening, and Chris McCooe made the motion to nominate Lynn Arnold, which was seconded by Chad Brigham. Lynn was unanimously voted to be the chairman.
- A discussion and vote will be held at the next Board of Selectman meeting to overturn the rule voted in at the most recent BOS meeting regarding Eli Gillen being the chairman.
- Suzanne Wilbur was nominated by Chris McCooe to be secretary, seconded by Lynn Arnold, and was voted into the position unanimously.
- Discussion of short and long term projects and goals for the LOC compiled the following lists.
- Short Term:
 - Catch basin clean-up – Should be performed by the highway department in accordance with the methods and procedures outlined previously, on a schedule.
 - Retention basin clean-up – Also in accordance with the methods and procedures outlined in the 319 grant and on a schedule.
 - Dam clean-up – Highway department committed to clearing brush and trees growing into/out of the dam. Additionally, log jams need to be cleared.
 - South basin boat launch repairs – Repairs need to be made to the asphalt. Highway Surveyor has said he does not have the money for these repairs. He has done this in years before with no line item.
 - Prepare RFP for next weed treatment – Chris McCooe will look into when this is due.
 - Determine date of annual drawdown – This will return to being a Conservation Commission duty.
 - Prevent January fishing derby water level adjustments – Recommend this derby is held later in the year.
 - Ensure safety of lake users – Continue to contact HPD regarding special events and problems on the lake. Safety signs by the dam?
 - Combat illegal parking at Fisherman's Launch – Vehicles with trailers parking illegally on roadway.
 - Address homeowner's gating off access to public right-of-ways.
 - RFP for state required dam inspection
- Long Term:
 - Dredging

- Dam Repair – to structure and operating mechanism
 - Grants
 - Notice of Intent to draw lake down by 36" (current NOI is for 24")
 - Explore revenue sources – Parking, dock fees, excise tax on boats, taxing deeded rights, betterment tax
 - Testing wells as needed
 - Testing septic systems as needed
 - Additional catch basins
- Next meetings: It was decided that Mondays worked for everyone with a start time of 7:00. Initially, the LOC agreed to meet twice a month and possibly once during winter.
 - Wednesday, September 9, 2015 at 7pm due to labor day holiday
 - Monday, September 21, 2015 at 7pm
 - The committee discussed each board that is represented might want to choose an alternate.
 - Lynn asked public if anyone had comments.

Adjourned: 8:17 PM

Respectfully submitted by,

Suzanne Wilbur, Secretary

C: Select Board, Conservation Commission, Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, Highway Department, File

To-do List for next meeting:

Chris M.: Concom information

Eli Gillen: Information on when next dam inspection is due and copies of three previous inspections
Reserve room for next meetings
Ask Kelli about money approved at town meeting for the lake and its intended uses

Suzanne: Draft minutes and email to committee for review

Chad: Investigate parking fees at nearby lakes

All: Review list of short term and long term issues, mark mandatory short term issues and prioritize other short and long in order of importance.