

HOLLAND LAKE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting held on January 18, 2016

Called to Order: 7:00

Attendance: John Stevens, Lynn Arnold, Chad Brigham, Suzanne Wilbur, Dennis Allard, Marcia Beal (Conservation Committee Rep)

Absent: Eli Gillen, Chris McCooe

Old Business:

- J. Stevens made a motion to accept the minutes as amended from the meeting held on January 4, 2016. D. Arnold seconded. Motion passed with two abstentions.
- L. Arnold attended the Tuesday, January 5, 2016 meeting of the Board of Selectman. Additionally, she met with Larry Mandell on January 18, 2016 and further discussed the budget items the LOC has previously discussed for the Board of Selectman's budget.
- **L. Arnold** and **C. McCooe** are planning to attend the finance board meeting on January 20, 2016 in case there are questions relating to the LOC's recommendations to the BOS's budget.
- **L. Arnold** is still planning to organize a meeting with Union officials, the Army Corps., and other entities to coordinate communication of drawdowns.
- RFP for weed treatment went out to three companies with a letter of approval from the procurement officer. The bids will be opened at an LOC meeting in April.
- Board of Selectman is still working on a boat ramp for the south basin.
- J. Stevens attended the Board of Health meeting and discussed the LOC's recommendations for water testing. The BOH was in agreement and will be requesting budget funds to cover additional testing.
- J. Stevens also talked to the BOH about "hot spots" that appear in the testing results. The BOH agrees that the hot spots are indicating areas with high levels of human waste. **J. Stevens** will follow-up with the BOH in a month to see if they have any further ideas about pursuing or following-up on hot spots.
- LOC discussed possibly getting the DEP involved in situations with human waste being discharged into the lake.
- J. Stevens also reported that the BOH has looked into the truck stop and the hazardous storage containers being stored there. Recently, there were as many as 40 containers there, with 10 or so open (some filled with rain water). They would like to contact the owner of the site and invite the owner to a BOH meeting.
- M. Beal reported that the **Conservation Commission** is having a guest speaker from the DEP soon and they would inquire about the DEP filings for the truck stop, with a strong interest in the order of conditions.
- LOC revisited the discussion of the Highway Department's budget. A short list of items was compiled with discussion to be held at the next meeting:
 - Causeway/culvert maintenance
 - Catch Basins – add 2/year
 - Catch Basin and Retention Pond cleaning
 - Routine Dam Maintenance (tree clearing, removing log jams, etc.)

- **C. Brigham** will report back at the next meeting about when the dam maintenance grant is due.

New Business:

- **L. Arnold** will contact the police department to inquire about posting “Thin Ice” warning signs along the lake.
- Current lake levels are high. **Conservation Commission** will contact Brian Johnson to remind him that the lake levels must meet the state guidelines for drawdowns.
- LOC will begin to think about the annual report that is typically due April 1st.
- L. Arnold discussed working on town by-laws to make the LOC similar in capacity to the Trails Committee.
- Items for future agendas include: Charging for parking at Fisherman’s Pier and compiling a list of annual tasks, reoccurring issues and crisis issues.
- Next meeting: February 1, 2016 at 7pm.

Adjourned: 8:30 PM

Respectfully submitted by,

Suzanne Wilbur, Secretary

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