

HOLLAND LAKE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting held on June 6, 2016

Called to Order: 7:09

Attendance: John Stevens, Lynn Arnold, Suzanne Wilbur, Chris McCooe, Andy Harhay, Brian Johnson

Absent: Eli Gillen, Dennis Allard

Old Business:

- Blue Green Algae was found at Lake Siog, which includes two beaches: USACE and Town of Holland. The BOH posted the sign late and one sign was located behind a tree.
- The BOH tested four locations on Hamilton and “Holland Pond” (Lake Siog) for e. coli. The town did not test for Blue Green Algae. Previously the BOH had tested 5 locations on Hamilton Reservoir and had not tested Holland Pond. The location the BOH dropped was PJ’s Beach, which is viewed as a critical location because of the children water skiing there.
- LOC has questions for BOH including: Why was Siog tested instead of PJs? Why are we not testing for blue green algae? Why was there not a code red alert sent out about the blue green algae? Will code red alerts be sent out for failing E. Coli tests?
- C. McCooe made a motion that LOC should write BOH a letter regarding these questions and concerns. S. Wilbur seconded. Motion passed unanimously. **L. Arnold** will write the letter.

New Business

- LOC needs to recommend members to be reappointed for the following year by July 1st. Will recommend all current members with Bill Terbush recommended for the current opening.
- Vicki Wattendorf of Massaconic Shores has been sharing a video of large amounts of rainfall runoff eroding the shoreline and slope to the shore on Sandy Beach Road. A discussion with Brian Johnson included a rough estimate of \$500k to repair the area. He suggested applying for a Hazard Mitigation grant to pay for the funds. Courses are available to learn how to write grants.
- On Tuesday, June 7, 2016, the Police Department will perform a practice rescue on the lake.
- On Wednesday, June 8, 2016, weed treatment will be performed on both sides of Hamilton Reservoir.
- Police will be marking low spots on the lake with donated buoys.
- FHRA is donating a floating sign to the town. The sign will say “Danger, Keep Out” with a red diamond and be located near the dam.
- C. McCooe reported that the DEP put flags out along Amber Brook to designate where damage needs to be repaired by the landowner who caused it.
- The BOH should be keeping track of tight tanks, who has them and when they are being emptied. They should be able to use this information to find red flags.
- A discussion started with the question: how do we get non-lake residents to support the lake? Brainstorming on this idea will continue.

- Andy Harhay said that the town received a grant from MEMA that could potentially be used to pay for a rope and bouys to protect boaters from going over the dam if it has not already been allocated.
- The next meeting will be Monday, June 27th due to the holiday the following week.

Adjourned: 8:55 PM

Respectfully submitted by,

Suzanne Wilbur, Secretary

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