

## HOLLAND LAKE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting held on November 30, 2015

Called to Order: 7:00

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

**Absent:** Eli Gillen

### Old Business:

- L. Arnold made a motion to accept the minutes as electronically distributed from the meeting held on November 2, 2015. C. Brigham seconded. Motion passed with one abstention.
- It has been determined that the Town does not own the land the south boat launch is on, nor any land bordering it. An announcement about this will be made at the next Board of Selectman meeting on 12/1/15. LOC brainstormed some options:
  - Buy lot where south boat launch is located.
  - Install boat ramp on property donated by Ron Benoit – Project could be completed by Tantasqua Vocational students.
  - Put ramp at end of Shore Lane
- L. Arnold reported on coordination efforts for future drawdowns of Mashapaug Lake. Lynn was introduced to Robert Hanon of the CT DEEP. After the holidays, a representative of Conservation Commission, Lynn, Keith Beecher of the USACE and Robert Hannon will meet to discuss coordination for future seasonal drawdowns.
- S. Wilbur reported that she had not heard that the DOT had received a letter from the Town regarding the inspection of the culvert on the causeway.
- L. Arnold reported that the Rivers and Harbors Grant Program would be occurring again this year. **C. Brigham** volunteered to find out when the deadline is and how much money is available.
- J. Stevens reported on his communication with the Board of Health. This year they had one complaint about a dry well, but other complaints about a changing water table. They had no complaints about sewer issues and the lake. The BOH's biggest concern is hazardous waste at the truck stop. They store containers previously used to store hazardous waste and it is unclear if the containers are properly cleaned. Additionally, there are questions about whether the owners have a hazardous waste abatement plan. The BOH is interested in the idea of water testing in different locations.
- Discussed lake related items for the Board of Selectman's Budget:
  - Recommend breaking up Ramp and Dam Maintenance into two accounts.
  - Recommend Weed Treatment budget be larger to include all weeds, all water owned by the town and water quality testing.
  - Recommend a separate line item for Dam Inspection.
  - Recommend a Capital Improvement Fund where money can be allocated at year end for assets like the dam.
  - **C. McCooe** will report on weed treatment prices at the next meeting.

- Discussed adding additional catch basins at a rate of one per year. Engineering studies would need to be done to determine where they should be placed. Town should pay for engineering.

**New Business:**

- C. McCooe made a motion to recommend that LOC members representing other Holland boards send an alternate if they cannot make it to an LOC meeting. The other boards represented on LOC are the Planning Board, Conservation Committee and the Board of Selectman. C. Brigham seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- L. Arnold will send the BOS a reminder about the state mandate relating to the drawdown permit and how it affects lake levels for ice fishing tournaments.
- C. McCooe provided S. Wilbur with old LOC meeting minutes, ranging from 2004 to 2010.
- Next meeting will be December 7, 2015 and no other meetings will be held in December.

Adjourned: 8:30 PM

Respectfully submitted by,

Suzanne Wilbur, Secretary

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