

HOLLAND LAKE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting held on December 7, 2015

Called to Order: 7:02

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

Absent: Chris McCooe

Old Business:

- L. Arnold made a motion to vote back in everything that happened at the last meeting due to the agenda not being posted, held on November 30, 2015. C. Brigham seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- L. Arnold made a motion to accept the minutes as electronically distributed from the meeting held on November 30, 2015. C. Brigham seconded. Motion passed with one abstention.
- L. Arnold attended to last Select Board meeting and gave a report to the BOS about the LOCs progress to date.
- The BOS wrote a letter to MassDOT requesting an inspection of the large culvert at the causeway. MassDOT responded that they would be out to inspect it within two weeks.
- L. Arnold will see if Andy Goodall, Keith Beecher, and Robert Hanon can attend a meeting together in January to discuss coordination of area lake drawdowns.
- S. Wilbur sent the minutes of past meetings in to be posted online.
- Reviewed and finalized recommendations for the Board of Selectman's Budget. L. Arnold made a motion for the following line items relating to the lake: ramp maintenance, short term dam maintenance, long term dam maintenance, weed treatment (including testing and surveys) and dam inspection (every other year). C. Brigham seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- Discussed how to determine values for the line items:
 - Ramp Maintenance – Include enough money to cover repairs to the ramp at Fisherman's Pier. **E. Gillen** will ask Brian Johnson what he estimates the cost to be.
 - Short Term Dam Maintenance – Determine if the highway department will continue to clear trees. Suggest \$15,000 for short term.
 - Long Term Dam Maintenance – Needed to pay for the cost of structural repairs to the dam which could exceed \$500,000. Suggest 30% of free cash.
 - Weed Treatment, Testing and Surveys – Use previous year's rate + 5% to account for inflation.
 - Dam Inspection – Ask Kelli for the price of the last inspection, suggest adding additional money in case inspecting the operating mechanism costs additional money.
- Reviewed spreadsheet of open tasks.
- Looked at available lots that are feasible for building a ramp. LOC narrowed approximately 10 options down to a top five, listed in order:
 - Mashapaug Road – lots owned by town
 - White/Massaconnic Trail - South
 - Shore Lane – Holland Side
 - Shore Lane – Union Side (still owned by Holland)

- Massaconnic Trail - North

New Business:

- Conservation Commission sent a letter to Brian Johnson asking him to measure the lake levels to determine how close it is to a 24" drawdown and to close the gate accordingly. The town could be fined if the 24" limit is exceeded.
- The LOC's minutes and agendas are posted on the town website under "Lake Issues." L. Arnold made a motion to have LOC located with the other boards and committees on the Town Directory online and to have LOC meetings posted on the Town Calendar. C. Brigham seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- The ramp at Fisherman's Pier has an area of deteriorated concrete where rebar is exposed in the curb line. This needs to be repaired before next season.

Adjourned: 8:32 PM

Respectfully submitted by,

Suzanne Wilbur, Secretary

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