

## TOWN OF WAYLAND – MINUTES

NAME OF BOARD/COMM: Surface Water Quality Committee  
FILED BY: Lisa Newton, Member  
DATE OF MEETING: Tuesday November 21, 2017  
TIME OF MEETING: 7:30 PM  
PLACE OF MEETING: Town Building, large hearing room  
ATTENDING: Lisa Newton, Mike Lowery, Toni Moores, Jack Carr

### WSWQC MINUTES 21 November 2017

1. Approval of minutes – unanimous.
2. Public Comments – Randy Johnson, former Natick ConCom member, shared his perspectives regarding the proposed dog park in Natick on South Pond of Lake Cochituate. He feels that the relative risk of nitrogen and pathogens associated with dog excrement is minimal when compared to that of goose excrement, but cited no data. Both Mike Lowery and Toni Moores expressed their concern about waterfowl excrement and agreed that it likely is a greater risk. However, they explained that North pond of Lake Cochituate is downstream of the proposed dog park and from a water safety perspective a dog park proximal to any of the shores of Lake Cochituate is not a desirable land use. Ultimately Natick must make the final decision, but the WSWQC position stands as expressed in the letter from Chair Toni Moores to Natick ConCom, dated 12 Sept. 2017.
3. Dudley Pond – Mike Lowery
  - a. Milfoil. Next year will be the second after herbicide treatment and milfoil will be a bigger problem. We will need to identify additional divers for 2018 season.
  - b. DPA has voted to continue 25% matching.
  - c. Water quality sampling Nov 9. Toni reported that Secchi disk readings (water clarity) were second or third best ever. The YSI multimeter is not working accurately, especially with regard to DO %saturation, and will require repair. Mike Lowery motioned that WSWQC approve expenditure of up to \$500.00 to repair the meter, with possible contribution from DPA. Unanimous approval.
4. Heard Pond.
  - a. Milfoil. There are problems with the OOC for use of Diquat for milfoil control. Toni Moores or Mike Lowery may meet with Con Com Administrator to discuss this problem.
5. Lake Cochituate – Jack Carr
  - a. Drawdown. DCR has proposed a 3.5 foot drawdown of Lake C. to allow construction of new boat ramp in fall 2018. Wayland ConCom is concerned about lowering the level to this extent. Mike wrote a note to Linda Hansen (Conservation Administrator) expressing concerns. Tim Murphy of DCR indicated that construction of a coffer dam is not currently in the project budget.
6. Mill Pond – nothing to report.
7. Committee member's reports and concerns.
  - a. Cascade Development. WSWQC has written a letter (dated 30 Oct 2017) to ZBA, cc Wayland BOH and Wayland ConCom, expressing concerns that the proposed development at former Mahoney's site on Rte. 20 may pose a risk to groundwater and native brook trout in Pine Brook.
8. Next meeting date is Tuesday 16 January 2018, 7:30 pm
9. Invoice Approval. \$63.17 for expenses related to water quality sampling.
10. Adjournment – unanimous approval to adjourn at 8:45 pm