

**LAKE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
10/07/15**

- Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 7:06 pm. Wednesday, October 7, 2015.
- Audience of Citizens:** Carmen Vance, 1st Selectman - Wished to address LMAC and review various options for controlling introduction of invasive plants into Columbia Lake. Lengthy discussion followed touching on options such as
- Boat wash station
 - Ramp monitoring
 - Ramp gate
 - Defined and reduced boat launch and recovery hours.
 - Inspection and stickers on all craft on the lake, especially kayaks
 - Additional education efforts
- The 1st Selectman was assured that all these options (with the exception of stickers on all craft) have been explored and reported and that LMAC will continue efforts to meet this threat
- Minutes:** The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved on a motion to accept by Dan O'Neil 2nd Mike Gnazzo.
- Present:** Mark Coleman, David Vanderbilt, John Burrell, Dan O'Neil, Carl Foster, Karl Then, Mary Roickle, and Mike Gnazzo
- Absent (excused):** Robert Powell, Henry Beck Jr. and Steve Harrington
- Absent:** ✱ James Santos
- Communications:** Letter form Mark Coleman to Carmen Vance tendering his resignation from LMAC siting He and his wife's serious health issues and the inability to now work effectively in LMAC
- Email from Carmen Vance, dated 9/28/15, to LMAC asking the committee to research and recommend action on the use or restrictions of "FLYBOARDS" on Columbia Lake.
- Article composed by Dan O'Neill documenting in detail the actions taken to maintain Columbia Lake. The article was submitted to the Crossroads for publication; however with the notice that the Crossroads will close after the next issue the Chair made a motion (2nd by Mike Gnazzo) to table

discussion on the article until a new forum can be established to disseminate educational information.
Approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Dam:** The Dam was checked 10/07/15
Gate closed
Water Level -3"
Water temperature 66 degrees at dam pier, 62 degrees at two other lake locations.
In flow low – Columbia running 6+” rain deficit
Weep holes: 1) 25% 2) 25% - both flowing clear
2 checks 0 adjustments in September
- Water quality:** Clear 3 ½ meters - bottom at dam Slight tinge caused by beginnings of turnover in the lake
- Fishing:** Reported by fishermen to be one of if not the best season in recent memory. Bass the predominant catch
- Access & Safety:** Chairman read the End of Season Marine Patrol Report, authored by Head Marine Officer Robert Powell. Already submitted to the BOS. Excellent and informative report
- Storm Water/
Culverts:** No Action
- Columbia Boating/
Water Regulations** Reviewed to the applicability of the FLYBOARD issue
- Dam Emergency Plan:** Nothing to report - Next review and updating due October 2017
- Watershed Management:** The proposed changes to the NAP, developed by the LMAC sub-committee have been forwarded to Dr. Kortmann for his review and comment. Issue tabled until a response is received.
- Permit Review:** Joanne Prague-Doyle 138 Route 87 - seawall veneer and expansion of existing ramp from 4' to 5' wide. Approved against recommendation to deny ramp due too direct conflict with current guidelines, past practice on same issue and precedent to be set.

Daniel O'Neill 48 Route 87 – Repair old oversized dock, install new 2nd dock and new raft. Remove mooring
Approved

Henry Beck Jr. 41 Sleepy Hollow and 136 Route 87
Repair mortar in seawalls at both locations Approved

Carmello and Marybeth Roldan 35 Sleepy Hollow replace disintegrating stacked block seawall and pier with new block designed for water immersion. Approved

James and Gayle Mulligan 9 Nuhfer Drive replace ice damaged oversized dock and repair cracks in concrete seawall Approved

Old Business:

Further discussions on the issues surrounding the use of FLYBOARDS on Columbia Lake and the request from the 1st Selectman to offer a recommendation to the BOS on their use or banishment from the lake. Motion from the Chair that a letter be sent to the BOS recommending no immediate action be taken, citing both state and town laws should already be sufficient to control and further monitoring of the issue will continue in LMAC 2nd by Mike Gnazzo approved by all

Other:

Dan O'Neill questioned why, with no public access, Columbia Lake is listed on the State Website for public waterways. Questioned if Columbia can have the information about the lake redacted from the site. Discussion offered thought that due to public access at the beach, this may be the reason why. Motion from the Chair to table for further discussion at the November meeting 2nd by Carl Foster Approved by all

LMAC members reminded by Mark Coleman that a new Chairman and Secretary need be selected at the November meeting

Adjournment:

Motion by Mike Gnazzo, 2nd by David Vanderbilt, to adjourn at 9:17pm – approved by all

Submitted: Mark Coleman - Chairman