

## Lake Management Advisory Committee

### Meeting Minutes November 4, 2015

- Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by the Vice Chairman at 7:04 p.m., Wednesday, November 4, 2015.
- Audience of Citizens:** None.
- Minutes:** The minutes of the last meeting were read. Mary Roickle motioned to approve the minutes, Dave Vanderbilt seconded. All voted in favor except for Robert Powell and Henry Beck, who abstained since they were not present at the last meeting.
- Present:** Dan O'Neill, Mike Gnazzo, Mark Coleman, Mary Roickle, Robert Powell, Steve Harrington, Henry Beck, Carl Then, John Burrell, and Dave Vanderbilt.
- Absent:** James Santos, Carl Foster
- Communications:** LMAC sent a letter to the BOS recommending that all vessels that use Columbia Lake be required to be inspected and have an inspection sticker. This provides an opportunity to educate lake users to the issues of invasive plant species.
- The BOS sent a letter to LMAC asking for recommendations concerning fly boards by next summer.
- LMAC sent a letter to the BOS stating that it appears that Columbia's current boating regulations prohibit the use of fly boards.
- A discussion ensued as to whether or not an attempt should be made to revise the boating regulations to be more specific. Several issues were discussed and it was decided to consider recommending that a moratorium be placed on the use of fly boards for the 2016 season. Discussion of this idea will be continued at subsequent LMAC meetings.

## Committee Reports

- Dam:** As of November 1, 2015, the gate was open 13 inches, inflow was low, the water level was -3 inches, it will take 15 to 20 days to drop to -6 feet, depending on any rainfall. Both weep holes were running at 25%, and clear. The water temperature was 54 degrees F, both top and bottom, indicating a full turn over. Clarity was 2.8 meters. The draw down to -6 feet is expected on the 16<sup>th</sup> or 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Fishing:** No information.
- Access & Safety:** No information.
- Storm Water/Culverts:** Dave Vanderbilt noted that the catch basins had been outlined with paint. It had been expected that Route 87 was going to be repaved, but it appears that this is not going to happen this year.
- Columbia Boating/  
Water Regulations** The patrol boat has been put away for the winter. Bob Powell is going to meet with the resident trooper to discuss enforcement options for next year.
- Dam Emergency Plan:** Next review and updating is due October 2017.
- Watershed Management:** Dr. Kortmann still has the proposed changes to the NAP worksheet for review.
- Permit Review:** None.
- Old Business:** None.
- New Business:** Paula Stahl sent an e-mail to LMAC asking for recommendations for the Natural Resource Chapter of the proposed 2016 Plan of Conservation and Development. She would like to have any recommendations by mid-December. Mike Gnazzo read some of the chapter concerning Columbia Lake – there were some questions as to its accuracy. Mary Roickle will review it, and look at the 2006 POCD, and report her findings at the next LMAC meeting.
- Gatekeeper – Henry Beck nominated Dave Vanderbilt for Primary Assistant Gate Keeper, and Dan O’Neill for Secondary Assistant Gate Keeper, to take over for Mark Coleman. Bob Powell seconded the nominations. All voted in favor. Note that George Murphy, the Columbia Director of Public Works, is the Gatekeeper.

LMAC Chairman – Mike Gnazzo said that he is willing to serve as the Chairman of LMAC, however he cannot take over all of the duties that Mark Coleman performed. He will be looking for assistance from LMAC members and sub-committees. He also suggested that future LMAC meetings be moved to 7:30 p.m. This will have to be formally proposed to the BOS. Henry Beck nominated Mike Gnazzo for Chairman of the LMAC, Mary Roickle seconded the nomination. All voted in favor.

LMAC Vice Chairman – Mike Gnazzo will check with Carl Foster to see if he is interested.

Water Quality Monitoring – Henry Beck nominated John Burrell to take over the water quality monitoring for Mark Coleman. Dave Vanderbilt seconded the nomination. All voted in favor. Monitoring will be done every other week, May through September.

Permit Application Review – Mike Gnazzo resigned from the sub-committee he was on with Mark Coleman. Mary Roickle nominated Bob Powell, Steve Harrington, and Carl Then to the sub-committee to review permit applications. Dave Vanderbilt seconded the nomination. All voted in favor. Henry Beck asked if post-construction inspection is done. Mark Coleman said only if there were complaints. Bob Powell noted that when he is on lake patrol, he can note if there are any problems.

Dam Emergency Plan – The LMAC Chairman is responsible to ensure that the plan is up to date. Dave Vanderbilt said that he is willing to assist with the plan.

Mary Roickle stated that she may be unable to attend the next few meetings. The Vice President of the Columbia Lake Association will attend in her place.

Dave Vanderbilt stated that he will not be able to make the next meeting.

**Adjournment:**

Bob Powell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. John Burrell seconded, all voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

**Submitted by Dan O'Neill**