Lake Management Advisory Committee

Agenda

Meeting Minutes
February 3, 2016

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Michael Gnazzo Wednesday, February 3, 2016 at 7:35 p.m.

Present: Michael Gnazzo, Robert Powell, Karl Then, Henry Beck, John Burrell, David Vanderbilt, Dan O'Neil, Carl Foster, Lynn Hallarin (for Mary Roickle).

Absent: James Santos, Steve Harrington, Phyllis Dunn

Minutes: Minutes of the last meeting were read. Motion to accept, John Burrell, Robert Powell, 2nd. All voted in favor.

Discussion: Bob Powell said that the procedure for the three step inspection for permits was approved by the Board of Selectmen. Henry Beck asked about when the pictures would be taken, and Bob Powell stated that it would be at the initial inspection and when needed. Henry Beck stated that he thought that the committee would be reviewing the letter to the Board of Selectmen before it went to them. It was agreed that the procedure could be reviewed and discussed at the March meeting.

Audience of Citizens:

Kathy Jones asked how she could apply for an appeal since the ladder on her floating dock was ruled non-conforming and she was required to remove it. She was advised to fill out an appeal form available from the Town Offices and submit it to Kim Bona. The subcommittee will visit and make a recommendation to the board of Selectmen, who will make the decision.

Communications:

An e-mail was read that was from the Town Manager, Natasha Nau, who was present for this portion of the meeting. The e-mail concerned the fact that Asplundt, hired by Eversource, was spraying herbicides near the lake and that tree-trimming was taking place. Some homeowners were notified that trees near them would be trimmed and some were not. Natasha Nau had spoken to the Eversource representative for our area about the product being used and the

frequency of which Eversource did this type of spraying. Natasha also confirmed that there was not a "less salt" ordinance near the lake.

Discussion ensued about the possibility of adopting an ordinance banning the use of lawn care chemicals near the lake. Natasha will look into finding a sample ordinance used elsewhere. Organic alternatives should be encouraged. Dan O'Neil agreed to contact Dr. Kortman for an opinion as to whether/which lawn chemicals and fertilizers are detrimental to the lake.

John Burrell passed around an article entitled "Toxic Situation". He will be attending the Connecticut Federation of Lakes seminar in March and Karl Then thought Phyllis Dunn may be planning on attending as well.

Committee Reports:

Dam: Gate was closed on January 25th. The gate will not be reopened due to the drought condition. The gate is usually closed on March 1st. It was brought up that those working on their docks or seawalls could be affected by the rising water, but Bob Powell did not believe that anyone currently holding a permit would be affected by the water rising at this time. A picture of "Contours of the Lake" was passed around.

Water Quality:
John Burrell had just take a sample on January 31st and not had time to do much testing. He said the water looked good.

Fishing: It was noted that an ice fisherman was observed.

Access & Safety:
None

Water Shed Watershed Management Plan:
None

Storm Water Culverts:
John Burrell confirmed one mentioned at the last meeting was new.

Columbia Boat & Water Regulations:
Carmen Vance asked if the Marine Patrol could inspect kayaks and canoes to verify they belonged to Columbia residents, and that only those with Columbia stickers should be allowed on the lake. Henry Beck verified that the current ordinance only refers to motorboats. There was discussion as to whether or not this was feasible or necessary. It was suggested that Carmen Vance be invited to the next LMAC meeting to discuss this issue.

Dam Emergency Plan:

None

Permit review:

192/194 Route 87 – permit to replace their dock and repair their seawall approved 1/19/16. This will be the first permitted project that will fall under the new inspection process. LMAC can only determine whether construction is compliant with the permit. The Board of Selectmen is the enforcing agency if construction is determined to be non-compliant.

Old Business:

Natasha Nau, Town Manager suggested that instead of developing our own flyer on invasive species, we could look at the Connecticut document from the DEEP website and possibly use that.

Mike Gnazzo said that Mary Roickle had contacted Paula about her recommendations about Chapter 5 for the POCD.

Mike Gnazzo brought up that the LMAC Annual Report for 7/1/14 through 6/30/15 is due soon and asked if anyone could contribute. Some items to be included are:

- Dam was rebuilt
- Old town dock removed and was replaced
- DPW built walls around the boathouse
- Question on the timing of the study by Dr. Kortman

New Business:

LMAC budget was discussed with Natasha Nau. The budget for professional/technical will be about $7,600 and the entire budget will be about $8,000 for the next fiscal year.

"Notice of Meetings" guidelines from the town were brought up. It describes what actions are required by the town for LMAC. Mike Gnazzo will create a binder with all of this type of paperwork to be sure LMAC is in compliance.

Other: Mike Gnazzo made a formal motion to appoint Phyllis Dunn as Secretary of LMAC. Motion to accept made by Bob Powell and 2nd by Karl Then. All voted in favor.

Adjournment:

Carl Foster made a motion to adjourn meeting. Bob Powell 2nd, all voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 9:11 p.m.

Submitted by Lynn Hallarin for Phyllis Dunn