

LAKE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES
September 2, 2015

- Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm. Wednesday
September 2, 2015
- Motion: The Chairman motioned to deviate from the Agenda to
accommodate Dr. Robert Kortmann and the many citizens present
to hear his presentation on invasive plants in Mono Pond and the
potential threat they pose to Columbia Lake
- Seconded by Robert Powell and carried by voice vote
- Presentation by: Dr. Kortman, Limnologist on invasive species findings on
8/10/2015 at Mono pond discussed
-The ecology
-The species found
-How to address the Fanwort issue
- Assistance available – Apply for a grant from the State on invasive
species. Must be applied for by the municipality.
- Suggestions for control: Introduce Carp, Draw down,
Light restriction, Herbicides, Suction Harvesting
- Dr. Kortmann stressed that Mono Pond has excellent water quality;
however is a completely different eco-system from Columbia
Lake. As a pond it is in great condition. The objective is to keep
the activities between the two bodies to a controlled minimum
- He states that introduction of invasive plants into a waterway is a
matter of when not if. His assessment of efforts to keep
Columbia Lake free of invasive plants is excellent and he stressed
the importance of maintaining restricted boat launching and
reducing and if at all possible eliminating direct sources of nutrient
loading to the lake, such as impervious surfaces and direct conduits
immediately adjacent to the lake
- Outcome: Monitor the pond; however take no immediate
intervention.
- Present: Mark Coleman, Phyllis Dunn, Karl Then, Michael Gnazzo, John
Burrell, Robert Powell, David Vanderbilt, Henry Beck Jr., Dan
O’Neil, Mary Roickle, Steve Harrington

Absent: Carl Foster, James Santos

Audience of Citizens: Michael Mathews and Marsha Robbins, 1 Lower Woodland Terrace.

Mr. Matthews was upset that he observed his neighbor sanding his dock, debris washing into lake (the owner Jerry Krause Lower Woodland Terrace). Issue reported to 1st Selectman and he was referred to LMAC Chairman to resolve.

Chairman explained to Mr. Matthews that LMAC is not an enforcement body and it would be inappropriate for its' members to take direct intervention on reported violations. The issue would be brought to the attention of the 1st Selectman fro resolution.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting were read motion to accept, 2ndKarl Then, all approved.

Communications: Carl Foster researched the Jet Fly Board DEEP regulation 15121-810. No further action or discussion now end of season discussions postponed until March meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Dam: The Dam was checked on 9/2/15
Current Water level down 3 ½"
Gate closed
Summertime drought
Water temperature 83% degrees (Warmest on Record)
Weep holes: (1) 25%, (2) 25%
Water Clarity: 4.4. Meters

Water quality: excellent -some tape grass floating

Fishing: Excellent

Access & Safety: 5 boats inspected – Cantonese Family of Columbia Landing
Boat vandalized twice in same weekend boat released from mooring. Personal items stolen.

Storm Water/ Nothing
Culverts:

Dam Emergency Plan: Nothing to report

Watershed Management: Nutrient Allocation Plan- Dan O'Neil presented sub committee's first draft still working on spreadsheet suggests that Dr. Kortman review. Mark Coleman suggests moving forward with the new scale. Current revisions will be forwarded to Dr. Kortmann for his input and recommendation, then presented to the BOS with a target date by the end of November

New Business: None

Old Business: Ongoing articles published in the Crossroads. Next Publication – due Sept 30th for November

Dan O'Neill on Lake Maintenance

David Vanderbilt- Fishing/ Waterfowl
John Burrell – Invasive Species

Next Publications
Dec 31st for February
March 31st for May

Motion to adjourn by Mark Coleman. 2nd Michael Gnazzo.
Meeting adjourned 9:10 p.m.
Submitted, Phyllis Dunn, Secretary.