

Lake Management Advisory Committee

Agenda

Minutes of the Meeting November 1, 2017

- Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order by Michael Gnazzo Wednesday, November 1, 2017 at 7:33 P.M.
- Present:** Michael Gnazzo, David Vanderbilt, Karl Then, Phyllis Dunn, Henry Beck, Dan O'Neil, Mary Roickle, Robert Powell, John Burrell
- Absent:** Steve Harrington, James Santos, Carl Foster
- Minutes:** Minutes of the meeting were read. Motion to accept, Karl Then, 2nd, Mary Roickle. All voted in favor. One abstention.
- Guest Speakers:** None
- Audience of Citizens:** Steven Everett, Deputy Selectman
- Communications:** Proclamations for LMAC prior members completed for recognition of their years of service. Delivery date to be determined.
- Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station Department of Environmental Sciences.
- Committee Reports:**
- Dam:** Checked 10-31-17
Gate Open
Face dry
Water level - minus 6 inches
Weep holes - partially submerged cannot get a reading
Water Temperature 58 degrees
- Discussion was held, and it was determined that the Dam sub-committee and the gatekeeper, George Murphy, should have more frequent communications preferably biweekly on the overall management practices.
- Water Quality:** Crystal clear, oxygen levels excellent
- An odd organic matter has been observed.

LMAC will contact Dr. Kortman to do a Seep test to identify the specific slime patch.

Fishing: Nothing to report.

Access & Safety: Renovation project on the Town Beach has begun.

Columbia Boat and Water Regulations:
Attached is Bob Powell's report

Water Shed Watershed Management Plan:
Nothing to report.

Storm Water Culverts: Nothing to report.

Dam Emergency Plan: Nothing to report.

Permit review: 4 submitted permits. All sites were visited and requests for approval were submitted to the Board of Selectmen.
Botticello Property -32 Erdoni Rd. - Redo docks
Matthews Property - 1 Lower Woodland Terrace - reface a portion of seawall and rebuild the remaining existing wall
Neuhmeyer Property - 25 Sleepy Hollow Rd. - install an aluminum framed boat lift
Herzog Property - 12 Erdoni - build a 2nd dock and repair the current dock

Old Business: In-depth discussion on proceeding forward to control and hopefully eradicate the current infestation of the *Phragmites australis*. Four avenues of action to consider.

1. Cut and remove
2. Live with it
3. Blankets
4. Herbicide

The Board of Selectmen has approved the cutting and removing of these *Phragmites*, with Public Works and the assistance of a volunteer staff. Discussion continued that it may be in our best interest if we were to have some guidance and expertise on how to manage this removal.

The following motion was made by Michel Gnazzo and seconded by Karl Then:

that on or around December 6th, the Lake Management Advisory Committee invite Dr. Gregory Bugbee, of the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station, Department of Environmental Sciences to speak to it

and members of and following Town Boards and Committees as guests: Board of Selectmen, Inland-Wetlands, and Environmental Advisory Committee, so that Lake Management can make further recommendations to the Board of Selectmen regarding *Phragmites australis* and that Members of other relevant Boards and Committees have the same opportunity to obtain firsthand knowledge on the best practices for the removal and eradication of the *Phragmites australis*; and

That Lake Management ask Mark Walter, Town Administrator to prepare request proposals from 4 or 5 approved contractors for treatment of aquatic flora nuisances, the names of which contractors Lake Management has gathered and will share with him; and

That such proposals include: (1) separate base proposals for: (a) the cutting and removal of *Phragmites australis* where known to be located in Buell's Cove; and (b) above-the-waterline application of an approved herbicide to the remaining plants at the appropriate time in the spring of 2018, with such proposals to include costs of proper removal and disposal of the cuttings and the costs of obtaining all applicable permits therefor and for the possible application of a herbicide; and (2) four additional similar but supplemental proposals for the two other locations on the Lake where *Phragmites australis* is located; i.e., a cut and removal proposal and a proposal for possible herbicide application at each such site.

The motion was passed unanimously after extensive discussion. Part of the discussion noted full agreement among those present that no decision about recommending the possible need for and possible application of a herbicide was being made at this time or would be made at the December meeting, that the proposals to be requested regarding herbicides were only appropriate at this time because of the permitting lead times that had been reported, and that a decision, if any, to recommend the application of a herbicide would not be made prior to the Lake Management Committee Meeting in January, prior to which the information learned in December would be broadly distributed through Town and to which all interested Town residents would be invited and would be afforded an opportunity to speak.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Robert Powell and 2nd by Karl Then. All voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

Submitted by Phyllis Dunn, Secretary