

Update #1: Regarding the gate/monitoring proposal and our discussion at the March meeting to attend FIPAC meetings, I spoke with Carmen Vance to see if LMAC should have representatives attend FIPAC Budget Workshops with talking points. Carmen shared that she had a meeting last evening including LMAC members, Henry Beck and Bob Powell to discuss the next steps forward. Based on last evening's meeting outcome the BOS are proposing changing a TOC Ordinance to install a gate at the town boat launch for monitoring and education prior to launching boats in Columbia Lake to protect the lake from invasive species. Based on this approach LMAC does **NOT** need to be at FIPAC Budget Workshop meetings. Instead as many LMAC members who can **NEED** to be at a Public Hearing required to change a Town of Columbia Ordinance to install a gate at the town boat launch for monitoring and education prior to launching boats in Columbia Lake. **This is scheduled on Tuesday evening, April 4th at 6:30 PM in Yeoman's Hall.**

NOTE: The required April 4th Public Hearing to discuss the change in the Town Ordinance is **BEFORE** our next LMAC meeting scheduled for April 5th. I suggest we communicate via email to prepare for this Public Hearing. Carmen is sending the revised ordinance and Public Hearing announcement to me in the next day. Mike, if you agree, I will forward that to all LMAC members. And I will develop a draft of talking points for you to review for this Public Hearing to share with LMAC members so we are prepared to support the ordinance change. And spread the word as we need other town residents to support this initiative. The CLA can send out a Ripples communication to its members seeking their attendance and support.

Update #2: Specific to the Dam Emergency Plan this is in George Murphy's responsibilities and he is ahead of us. George enlisted Jerry Hardisty of CES Engineering to update the plan. Note, our plan was due February of 2017, NOT October. The reason the TOC is late is because George has applied to reclassify the dam from a Class C to a Class A. The letters C and A work backwards so an Class A is a less hazardous dam and then the plan update is every 7 years versus 2 years. The Dam Emergency Plan is a 52 page document and requires completing a number of forms. George felt that LMAC did not need to be in the 'nitty gritty' of the plan update as it is a standard operating procedure. Thus, I would hold off on inviting the engineer until we discuss this further at the next LMAC meeting.