

Lake Management Advisory Committee

Agenda

Minutes of the Meeting January 3, 2018

- Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order by Michael Gnazzo on Wednesday, January 3, 2018 at 7:35 P.M.
- Present:** Michael Gnazzo, Henry Beck, David Vanderbilt, Karl Then, Dan O’Neil, Lynn Hallarin, Robert Powell, John Burrell and James Santos
- Absent:** Steve Harrington, Carl Foster, Phyllis Dunn and Mary Roickle
- Minutes:** Minutes of the meeting were read. Motion to accept; Robert Powell 2nd by Dan O’Neill; all voted in favor.
- Guest Speakers:** None
- Audience of Citizens:-** None
- Communications:** None
- Committee Reports:** None
- Dam:** Water at -5’ 3.5”. Dan said it was more difficult to measure with the ice.
- Water Quality:** Tested 12/31/17. Ammonia and phosphates at acceptable levels. The brook is frozen. John Burrell making a chart to report test results monthly.
- Fishing:** Reports of about 17 ice fishermen on the lake over last weekend; Henry Beck brought up the fact that ice fishermen emptying their bait buckets into the lake could introduce harmful material or invasive species. A motion to recommend to the Board of Selectmen that a trash can should be provided at the parking area at the town beach and a sign requesting them to use the trash can to dump bait buckets instead of the lake. Education is needed. All were in favor.
- Access & Safety:** Noted that construction was ongoing at the town beach.
- Columbia Boat and Water Regulations:** Bob Powell said that the gate hours will change next year due to inactivity at certain times. More keys would probably be requested and the idea of a “one day” key at a low cost was introduced. New keys will be issued this year and old ones are to be returned. Notice of the new hours should be in the WAVE and on the town webpage

beginning possibly in March. Bob said that there had been some hope that there would be money left from the construction project to run power to the gate, but it appears to be unlikely. James Santos recommended asking the town to run conduit for future electrical improvements, as this would be low cost.

Watershed Management Plan:

Nothing to report.

Storm Water Culverts:

Karl Then observed culverts being cleaned out near Woodland Terrace.

Dam Emergency Plan:

Nothing to report.

Permit Review:

Nothing to report.

Old Business:

Proclamations date for delivery moved to February meeting. Phragmites discussion continues to be an open item. No one was sure if the RFP went out or if responses were received.

New Business:

Henry Beck put the existing Dam Policy into a work document and distributed printed copies to those present. Henry, Dave and Dan will meet to clarify and update the policy and present it at the February meeting. Bob Powell said that he has had inquiries as to the acceptability of people moving rocks on the lakebed. It was determined after discussion that moving rocks by hand or breaking them with hand tools is acceptable, but they cannot be removed from the lakebed. Bob also asked if officers should be elected. He made a motion to keep the same officers and 2nd by Dan O'Neill. All in favor. Karl Then said that there was a pipe discharging into the lake on Woodland Terrace and that there appeared to be algae near it at some point. He was going to inquire as to whether tests were done. It can be discussed at the February meeting.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn made by Michael Gnazzo and the meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Submitted by Lynn Hallarin for Phyllis Dunn, Secretary