

**Lake Oversight Committee**  
Town of Holland

Minutes: meeting held on January 9, 2017

Meeting called to order at 7:06PM.

**Members Present:** Lynn Arnold, Eli Gillen, John Stevens, Dennis Allard, Val Lundin.

**Members Absent:** Chris McCooe, Bill Terbush

**BOS Present:** L. Mandell, E. Gillen, B. Schmidt

**Guest Present:** A. Harhay, E. Fancy

Motion by L. Arnold to waive reading of minutes of December 5, 2016 and accept with amendment. 2<sup>nd</sup> by J. Stevens. Motion accepted and passed unanimously.

Corrections:

...removal of 100,000 cubic yards of sediment...should be: removal of "100" cubic yards of sediment.

**Announcements:**

- Due to the February holiday, the LOC meeting scheduled for February 20<sup>th</sup> will be rescheduled to Monday, February 13, 2017.
- Conference call with B. Terbush (in Florida) did not occur due to incomplete phone connections.
- L. Arnold to meet with S. Wilbur to retrieve log-on information for V. Lundin.
- L. Arnold to draft annual report and forward to committee members for review.
- D. Allard to work in conjunction with K. Robbins updating by-law changes for LOC for presentation at the annual meeting. BOS will also review any changes being requested.
- A meeting has been scheduled with the BOS and Highway Department on January 17, 2017 at 7:20PM to discuss Brandon Cove. LOC member are asked to attend.
- Information was received from M. Stinson, DEP Circuit Rider, concerning available funds for culvert issues. Highway Department was made aware of the funds. It is the LOC understanding that an application has been submitted by Highway for funds to be applied to the replacement of an undersized culvert that carries run off from the dam and flows under Sturbridge Road to the stream on the other side.
- Information has been received from P. Bak (Community Center). A CPR certification course for "Compression" is being offered. It is free to the public. A "Heart" CPR will also be offered at a cost of \$45. Contact the Community Center if interested in either.

**New Business:**

- E. Fancy is in attendance representing the Finance Board and asking for LOC's budget requests for 2017. Discussion ensued concerning budget responsibilities that fall under the auspices of "LOC". The Town must approve any By-Law changes for LOC before any budget requests can be made of the LOC. Until that time, line items, i.e. water testing and dam maintenance, must be considered for budget reasons under their current department's budget.

**7:24PM: Motion by L. Arnold, 2<sup>nd</sup> by D. Allard to adjourn LOC meeting. Motion accepted and passed unanimously.**

**7:30PM: Motion by L. Arnold, 2<sup>nd</sup> by V. Lundin to open joint meeting with BOS. Motion accepted and passed unanimously.**

- The purpose of this joint meeting is to update the BOS and get their buy-in on the Dredging Feasibility Study of Hamilton Reservoir.

After a boat tour of Hamilton Reservoir's North and South basins in 2016 with GZA (GeoEnvironmental Inc.) to discern low depth areas and to have other questions answered, GZA submitted an informal proposal to LOC to be used to write a formal RFP (Request for Proposal). Three companies - GZA, APEX, Fuss & O'NEIL - were contacted early in October (2016) to get an idea of what a cost would be.



Prior to any further pursuit of the dredging concern, LOC is petitioning the BOS for backing and any recommendations and options they can offer towards this goal. LOC is seeking approval from the BOS to begin the process of writing an RFP that would prioritize the steps and costs necessary to move forward with this project. The completed RFP would be presented at the annual town meeting. Though the approximate cost could be as high as \$100,000, it would probably cost anywhere from \$60,000 to \$85,000. The RFD would render a more specific cost to present at the annual meeting.

No further proceedings would occur without the approval of the town at the 2017 annual meeting.

- **Motion by L. Mandell:**  
**...that the Board of Selectmen approve that the Lake Oversight Committee move forward with the RFP on the Hamilton Reservoir Feasibility Study with their understanding and support for asking the town for funds to cover the cost at the annual town meeting.**  
**All BOS in favor. Motion passed.**

- Meeting continued with L. Mandell presenting information on the south basin boat ramp.

The south boat ramp is not owned by the town. After researching the possibility of purchasing the property, it would be a very costly procedure, and even acquiring it by "Emanant Domain", property owners in the area having "Deeded Rights" could cost the town even more buying those rights from them.

Alternate means were discussed and a boat tour of the south basin was taken during the summer of 2016. Possible locations for a town boat launch were viewed. However, access to these areas were not feasible.

It was then suggested that any available property on the lake be viewed and possibly purchased by the town for such purpose as public boat launch, beach, and parking facility.

There are two parcels of land on Mashapaug Road that are for sale. L. Mandell suggested that the LOC meet with the BOS on Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup> to view these two parcels. The next BOS meeting scheduled for Tuesday, January 17, 2017 will include this on the agenda for discussion.

**8:18PM:** Motion to adjourn joint meeting with BOS. E. Gillen, 2<sup>nd</sup> by D. Allard. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes respectfully submitted.

Val Lundin, Recording Secretary

