

Lake Oversight Committee

Town of Holland

Minutes: meeting held on December 5, 2016

Meeting called to order at 7:00PM.

Members Present: Lynn Arnold, Chris McCooe, Dennis Allard, Bill Terbush, Val Lundin

Members Absent: Eli Gillen, John Stevens

Motion by C. McCooe to waive reading of minutes of November 7, 2016 and accept with amendments. 2nd by B. Terbush. Motion passed unanimously.

Corrections:

...next meeting s/b December “5”, 2016.

...regarding the Brandon Cove future dredging process, B. Johnson (Highway Dept.) has agreed to remove no less than 100 Cubic Yards of sediment for disposal.

Announcements: LOC meeting schedule:

Monday, January 16th, 2017, Monday, February 20th, 2017, Monday, March 20th, 2017.

Old Business:

- Brandon Road retention pond/dredging update: C. McCooe & L. Arnold spoke with the engineer, Tony Wonsecki, from Southern Vermont engineering concerning the design of the pond. He confirmed the original engineer's findings that the pond was poorly designed to handle run-off. Riprap too high to trap sediment and allow water to flow into the lake, ergo, water ebbing back onto the road way. (Curb too small. Second curb might help slow the flow into the lake. Doubtful that any additional road paving by fence would help this issue.) Discussion ensued and a decision that a summary of the issues and findings of the engineering firms be written by L. Arnold, and reviewed prior to forwarding to the Board of Selectmen. Though the Highway Department is waiting for an easement letter from the landowner giving permission for property access to the lake. The letter should be received by Conservation Commission prior to and an NOI submitted for this project. (These issues were previously discussed at the meeting on November 7, 2016)
- L. Arnold and B. Terbush attended the Stormwater for towns seminar organized by the Mass Watershed Coalition on Nov. 18th at Mt. Wachusett Community College. The major takeaway from the event was a BMP (Best Management Practices) Cost Catalog. Extra copies will be shared with the Planning Board and B. Johnson at DPW.
- It's the understanding that extra hours towards grant writing was awarded to J. Higgins. Will see about her assistance to procure grant monies.
- There are concerns that the lake level is beyond the 24" recommendation. C. McCooe will contact B. Johnson and relay the information to Conservation.
- B. Terbush compiled a Project Overview Document for the Feasibility Study "identifying specific action plan options and recommendations" to address critical lake improvement needs. The LOC is grateful for the time and effort he put in to preparing this document. The committee reviewed the information presented. This is good baseline information that may assist an engineering firm that may be hired in the event dredging takes place in the future. Feasibility Studies can cost anywhere from \$60,000 to \$80,000.

Bill will forward a copy to each board member for review. He will call into the LOC at the January 16th meeting at 6:30PM for a conference call discussion on any changes/additions prior to LOC meeting with BOS on a Feasibility Study. He will be able to vote on any motion made if there are four (4) board members in attendance.

D. Allard commented that dredging costs could be as high as \$10,000 for the removal of just 100 cubic yards of sediment. Out of three engineering companies that were contacted concerning dredging, GZA was the only one that responded. LOC may contact the other two and gather relevant information for us to consider.

With this Project Overview Document prepared, LOC can prepare a "Scope of Work" document to present to the engineering companies for a "Firm" cost for the complete project. The information may be presented to the Board of Selectmen to clarify project definition and direction – from them - in which way to proceed and pursue this Feasibility Study.

- Motion by C. McCooe that L. Arnold amend the document written by B. Terbush and prepare a Project Overview (to be used as a working document) and that L. Arnold go before and present it to the Board of Selectmen at their meeting on December 20, 2016. At which time L. Arnold, will invite the BOS to the next open LOC meeting on January 16, 2017 as a joint working session on the dredging feasibility information presented. 2nd by L. Arnold. All members in agreeance.

Discussion followed: does or does not the town have a betterment policy that would help defray the costs of dredging. LOC agreed the need to meet with the BOS to determine how best that might assist with this monetary issue. And to inquire if a "Betterment Tax" is something that could be used to help defray the cost of dredging.

New Business:

- Suzanne Wilbur has resigned from the LOC.
- L. Arnold to contact S. Wilbur for information on "Google Drive" (password, etc.) for committee member access. C. McCooe will continue the "Work in Progress" sheet.
- L. Arnold welcomed V. Lundin to the LOC.
- Motion by D. Allard to nominate V. Lundin as LOC secretary. 2nd by B. Terbush. Motion passed unanimously.
- K. Robbins has requested each committee be responsible for the new webpage that will be in affect shortly. Motion by D. Allard that B. Terbush manage the website. 2nd. By C. McCooe. Motion passed unanimously. B. Terbush will inquire when the training sessions will be.
- A new "All Boards Clerk" has been hired. She may be asked to assist LOC when needed.
- A new by-law written for the LOC (to replace the old one), would allow the LOC to have and manage their own budget. It did not make the hearing for the 2016 Fiscal Year. K. Robbin said she would assist in rewriting the by-law by the end of February for inclusion at the public hearing for the next Fiscal Year, 2017.
 - Motion by C. McCooe to nominate D. Allard to work with K. Robbins to rewrite the by-law. 2nd by L. Arnold. Motion passed unanimously.

Next meeting scheduled for January 16, 2017

Motion to adjourn 8:41PM. C. McCooe, 2nd L. Arnold. All in favor. Motion passed.

Minutes respectfully submitted.
Val Lundin, Recording Secretary

Valerie K. Lundin

CC: Select Board, Town Clerk, Board of Health, Planning Board, Building Inspector, Highway Department, Zoning Board of Appeals, File and HCC Chairperson