

Lake Oversight Committee
Town of Holland

Minutes: meeting held on April 3, 2017.

Meeting called to order at 7:01PM.

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

Members Absent: Chris McCoee

Guest Present: R. Lundin, Donna Allard

Motion by B. Terbush to accept minutes of March 13, 2017, 2nd by D. Allard. Motion accepted with one abstention.

New Business:

A) Re: park ranger from Last Green Valley attended a BOS meeting a short time ago. L. Arnold spoke with him after the meeting and was told there may be funds available for trails etc., and took his card. She passed it on to Dick Haller to further research. Also, the Ranger stated there was a possibility of funds to assist with water testing. B. Terbush volunteered to contact the Ranger for further information on funds that may be available to assist with water testing and how to go about applying for assistance.

B) E. Gillen, at a previous LOC meeting, recommended the LOC research an area that boats could use to access the South Basin. D. Allard, after much research and discussion with K. Robbins, Esq., found that the area that has been used for many years on Shore Drive to access the lake is property that is officially owned by a Mr. James Counihan, who does not reside in Holland. D. Allard has the names of the attorney's he researched this property with. Until further research on an appropriate area can be discerned to access the lake, the Shore Drive area will continue to serve as access to the lake on the South Basin. In doing so, let it be known that the Town has no obligation to maintain this area.

Discussion followed as to whether or whether not the Town of Holland could take this land by "Tax Title" or possibly "Adverse" possession if taxes have not been collected. One issue concerns the property owners in the area that have "deeded rights" to the lake on their property deed. However, one Mass General Law stated that once the Town made a "Private" road a "Public" road, the property owners with "Deeded Rights" became null and void. Which, in turn, would allow the Town to assume ownership and jurisdiction of this property but which could only be used as egress to the lake.

E. Gillen made a motion...

"to bring the firms names to the select board to see if there is money in the Legal line item to see if we can move on this issue." 2nd., D. Allard.

All in favor. Motion passed.

He stated that if there are funds, the issue may possibly be addressed by the end of this fiscal year, and perhaps be able to move forward at that point. D. Allard will supply E. Gillen with the names of the firms to present to the BOS. E. Gillen will include this issue on the next BOS agenda.

C) The BOS voted there will be no by-law changes at the Annual Meeting. A “Special” town meeting will be scheduled.

Old Business:

A) The Feasibility Study is on hold. The BOS are writing a warrant for up the \$100,000 that will go before the town at the Annual Meeting. The Study could possibly occur over a two-year period, but the funds would be procured. The HRA has not yet decided the sum they will be contributing to the Study.

B) LOC discussed their “advisory” roll to the Hazard Mitigation Plan. A new version for 2018 must be written. LOC to check to see if it has been started.

C) Brandon Road issue will be included on the agenda for the next meeting. B. Johnson had committed to doing the work, however, both meetings that were schedule with him were cancelled due to inclement weather. LOC to check with Brian and ConCom as to status of the project prior to the next LOC meeting.

E. Gillen will arrange a joint meeting with the BOS, B. Johnson, ConCom, and any homeowners wishing to attend, to discuss the status of the project.

Other:

A) D. Allard reported that a property owner said the lake level was higher than it should...by approximately 8”.

B) R. Lundin voiced concern that if a boat launch is considered on Shore Dr., please consider repairing the road.

Next meeting: Monday, April 17, 2017.

Motion to adjourn, 7:50 PM, V. Lundin, 2nd by D. Allard. All in favor. Motion passed.

Minutes respectfully submitted.

Val Lundin, Recording Secretary

Valerie K. Lundin