

Lake Oversight Committee
January 05, 2021
Minutes

LOC Members Present: Dori Ference Chris McCooe, Sam Spratin, Lynn Johnson, Doug Cayer

LOC Members Absent:

Quorum: Yes

Meeting called to Order at 6:34 p.m.

LOC Agenda:

Old Business:

- Review & Accept minutes from December 15, 2020

Chris requested modification to minutes. Related to the draw down communication form. Language should be changed to “Dori has signed draw down form on behalf of LOC” (eliminating the reference to the Order of conditions)

Sam made a motion to accept the minutes with changes outlined above. Seconded by Doug. Approved by Sam, Doug, Chris, Dori, Lynn

- Emails and Mail

Mail – Received Final copy of draw down form with all signatures

Email – none

Dori now has key to the Town Hall

- Reports from members on projects they are working on

No reports

But....

Chris would like info about next steps National Grid. She will follow up with BOS as she continues to receive email messages from National Grid

Dori shared info about a conversation with Janine and Stacy regarding LOC responsibilities:

Janine shared her view with Dori that LOC is only responsible for the water in the Lake.

The town is responsible for the dirt, land and the land under the Reservoir. Dori shared her disagreement with this statement. Chris shared related info: LOC Mission Statement – Health and Safety of the Lake and to report back when things need to be done. Dori added that LOC is not only responsible for the water, but how it is used, including Dock and Boating Rules and reviewing safety issues with Police as necessary.

Janine called Chris about issue with the effectiveness of the draw down and shared complaint that BOS was receiving calls complaining about the water initially being too low and now being too high. Chris explained this is not an LOC issue. The BOS is the applicant for the draw down. Complaints should be directed to the BOS. That said, we hope to discuss ways to improve the process at upcoming Joint Meeting. Chris and Dori have also received calls with resident's dissatisfaction with the process.

LOC has been contacted by several residents, on North and South Basin, with issues related to Flooding. BOS has been slow to make contact with residents looking for information. Highway Department is unreachable as mailbox continues to be full and is not accepting messages.

Chris raised concerns that maintenance needed on the culverts near the Dam has not been completed by the highway department. Debris and weeds have not yet been cleared.

- Vote on A. Johnson's replacement on LOC to be sent to BOS
 - Clarification: In previous meeting we voted that Dori would replace Allen. However, we still need to fill the opening left by Dori. We are still seeking candidates. Further discussion will be tabled until next meeting.

New LOC Representative from Board of Selectmen

We do not yet have new BOS Representative – will review with BOS at upcoming Joint Meeting

Drawdown:

Applicant is the Board of Selection; governed by Department of Environmental Protection

Question: Is there a way to control the dam without reliance on the Highway Department? More to come.

- Joint meeting with BOS –

Request meeting with BOS on February 2nd at 6:00– Lynn to Request session. Agenda items

- Rep or not?
- How can we better accomplish the drawdown
- Solitude - March or April to discuss weed treatment

Alex Wisz – 319 grant – affect dredging program

March Meeting

- Solitude – June treatment – Guarantee
- LOC Report – Dori asked that everyone review the draft she sent. She will try to get answers on Dam inspection and whether we have received final copy of Feasibility Study.

- Budget for LOC
 - Dori has discussed LOC Budget with Stacy. Expected that we will receive traditional 1000.
 - All set – but request due by February

New Business:

- Flooding over Christmas Eve
 - Dori checked and the Dam was wide open on Christmas Eve
 - Dori posted info on the Facebook - Hamilton Reservoir Residents – she received some positive comments from residents
- Important last-minute issues that need to come before the board
 - Agenda item for next meeting: how much would it cost to put in two more culverts of the same capacity.

Next Meeting

February 2nd at 6:00 pm with BOS followed by LOC Meeting

Chris made a motion to end the meeting. Seconded by Doug. Meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Johnson
Secretary