

**Lake Oversight Committee
Joint Meeting with Select Board
September 1, 2020
Minutes**

LOC Members Present: Chris McCooe, Sam Spratin, Lynn Johnson, Dori Ference, Larry Mandell

LOC Members Absent: Allen Johnson

Guest: Doug Cayer

Quorum: Yes or No

Meeting called to Order at 5:45 pm

National Grid:

Chris reviewed information LOC has obtained related to the Causeway and more specifically about the condition of the poles. National Grid does not have plans to conduct a large-scale study. They agree the poles need repair and the technicians have reviewed the area and agree that the poles should be moved to the other side of the roadway. They have indicated that the town will need a petition before work can commence as this is a public roadway. The LOC has moved the project along as far as it can, and responsibility has been transferred to the BOS.

Draw Down:

Chris reviewed the Draw Down process with the group. The process is initiated by the Highway department. This year the Drawdown will begin on October 13th. Motion seconded and approved by all present.

Appointments:

BOS made the following appointments

Chris – 1 year

Dori – 1 year

Doug – 2 years

Lynn – 3 years

Janine requested letter of resignation from Marcia.

Causeway & Culvert/Feasibility Study (Dredging Study):

The LOC continues to struggle with finding traction on this project. The town invested a great deal of money to complete the Dredging Study. The report suggests that we focus on stormwater management and making improvements in the culvert through the causeway. When the culvert modifications were raised at town meeting it was quickly shutdown; referencing the 2008 report that indicated that the waterflow through the

culvert was adequate to prevent the build up of silt. The question remains. Where is this report? Who wrote this report?

The town will have great difficulty funding such a project. Finding a funding source will be the key to the project's success. We will need to work with Jay to locate and acquire grant money.

Larry assured Chris that he would follow up with Brian to obtain the report.

Covid Training:

Chris provided certification documents for herself, Lynn and Dori. Certification for Chris will be provided when training has been completed.

Weed Treatment:

Chris shared information about recent and upcoming Weed treatments. But the conversation was focused on how we can keep residents from boating on the day of the weed treatment. Although LOC/FHRA employs several communication channels, residents continue to disregard the request to stay off the water.

The Chief of Police was present at that meeting. He informed the LOC and BOS that police do not have the authority to prevent anyone from accessing the water as it is a public resource. Although a police presence could deter access to the water, it would be difficult for the police to be present for an extended period on both basins on weed treatment days. He did offer that the police could use a new electronic board to announce the weed treatment. The group agreed that we can continue to identify additional communication channels.

SB Representation: A request was made of BOS to replace our LOC Rep as current rep is not fulfilling responsibility. Larry requested time to get his affairs in order and assured the group he is up to the task.

Catch Basin & Dam Brush Clean Up:

Larry will talk to Brian Johnson about cleaning out the catch basin and clearing the brush out of the Dam. He will also ask Brian about Catch Basin Reports

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Johnson
Secretary