

Lake Oversight
Tuesday, May 5th, 2020
Minutes

Present:

Chris McCooe, Dori Ference, Sam Spratin, Marcia Lee, Lynn Johnson

Absent:

Allen Johnson, Larry Mandell

Meeting Called to Order at 6:51

Review & Accept minutes from previous meetings:

May 16, 2019

Motion was made by Dori Ference to accept the minutes from the May 16, 2019 Meeting. Seconded by Marcia Lee. Approved by Chris McCooe, Dori Ference and Marcia Lee.

Sam Spratin and Lynn Johnson abstained as they were not present at this meeting.

October 15, 2019

Motion was made by Dori Ference to accept the minutes from the Oct 15, 2019 Meeting. Seconded by Marcia Lee. Approved by Chris McCooe, Dori Ference, Lynn Johnson and Marcia Lee.

Sam Spratin abstained as he was not present at this meeting.

Nov 5, 2019

Motion was made by Dori Ference to accept the minutes from the Nov. 5, 2019 Meeting. Seconded by Marcia Lee. Approved by Chris McCooe, Dori Ference, Lynn Johnson and Marcia Lee.

Sam Spratin abstained as he was not present at this meeting.

April 21, 2020

Motion was made by Dori Ference to accept the minutes from the April 21, 2020 Meeting. Seconded by Marcia Lee. Approved by Chris McCooe, Dori Ference, Lynn Johnson and Marcia Lee.

Sam Spratin abstained as he was not present at this meeting.

April 27, 2020 Special Meeting

Note: Later in meeting, clarification made to state that private roads would be included

Motion was made by Dori Ference to accept the minutes from the April 27, 2020 Meeting with correction noted above. Seconded by Sam Spratin. Approved by Chris McCooe, Dori Ference, Lynn Johnson, Marcia Lee and Sam Spratin.

Lynn will send approved minutes to All Boards Clerk to post on the LOC website (Copy Chris McCooe)

Agenda Topics – Old Business

Update on National Grid regarding engineering – Larry

Motion to table discussion related to National Grid made by Dori Ference. Seconded by Chris McCooe. Approved by Chris McCooe, Dori Ference, Lynn Johnson, Marcia Lee and Sam Spratin.

Grant writer update, budget \$\$ for engineering & estimates for causeway, stormwater mgt. – Jay Mooney

Chris reported Brian's recommendation that grant money would be best applied to improvements on Sandy Beach Extension. The engineering has been completed for this project and "in kind" is covered so grant money could be used for actual construction.

He also recommended improvements to Maybrook Road. There is a stream that runs down through a small culvert and over the Maybrook Road, picking up a lot of sand and debris sending it down into Maybrook and then into the Lake. Chris took pictures of small the Maybrook tributary that is located between #10 and #24 addresses on Maybrook Rd.

A sub-team has been established to address the education requirement needed to secure a grant – Education subcommittee – Sam Spratin, Marcia Lee and Kate Laabs.

Please send follow up questions to Chris. We will address these questions at the next meeting.

Chris will Invite Jay and Brian to next meeting.

Lake Maintenance contract for July 1, 2020-June 30, 2021 signed and is \$29K enough? 32,025K – Chris/Larry

We may have missed the deadline for budget changes.

Chris recommended bumping up to \$32,025 – not sure it will happen but can always go back if new weed or money \$\$ needed for fall weeds.

Reminder - Budgets for next year – Ask for money out of free cash; don't always have to ask for funds from FHRA

Chirs will verify with Larry that RFQ for July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021 has been sent out.

Update on letter recommendation of by law changes, to the police, 2017 dock regs on-line, etc – Larry/Chris

We have not submitted anything to the police yet. LOC wanted to alter the time of patrol to make enforcement of rules more impactful; primarily safety of minors and speed of personal watercraft. Marcia will get Chris a summary of changes that were discussed. Sam suggested the use of a drone to monitor the lake. Sam will review capabilities and report back to the group. Dori to provide suggested monitoring times for police to Chris

Update on Draw Down Procedures including maintaining level thru or in March – Larry

Chris will try to find Larry's document that outlined steps regarding each department's responsibilities and timing of events.

Sam and Lynn to follow up and finish the process. Chris to provide input for Lynn and Sam.

Update on Wash Off Station – ALL

Motion was made by Chris McCooe to table the discussion related to the Wash Off Station. Seconded by Dori Ference. Approved by Chris McCooe, Dori Ference, Marcia Lee, Lynn Johnson and Sam Spratin.

What is needed for writing warrant so LOC can receive a stipend of \$500 – Dori

A warrant has been written and submitted. Request should have been made in March Reviewed tonight at the BOS meeting.

Educational Brochures – ALL

Follow up with Jay as part of the 319 grant topic.

Sub-team will work in conjunction with 319 grant committee to produce material that will be needed to submit grant request. Members include: Sam Spratin, Marcia Lee and Kate Laabs.

7-10 years ago LOC & BOS agreed to give folks w/shallow wells 5 years warning to fix their wells – Chris

Motion to table discussion related to Shallow Wells made by Chris McCooe. Seconded by Dori Ference. Approved by Chris McCooe, Dori Ference, Lynn Johnson, Marcia Lee and Sam Spratin.

Update Army Corp & NEANS & CDR Jim Strab – AL J.

Motion to table discussion related to Army Corp, NEAMS, CDR made by Chris McCooe. Seconded by Dori Ference. Approved by Chris McCooe, Dori Ference, Lynn Johnson, Marcia Lee and Sam Spratin.

Private Roads to Public roads - Highway, Pioneer Valley, Ann Goby, Todd Somila - Larry

Top Problem Roads: Pine Tree, Hamilton Dr., Leisure, Sandy Beach Extension, Candlewood Ct, Park, Amber, and Maybrook –

Motion to table Private Road Discussion to next meeting made by Chris McCooe. Seconded by Dori Ference. Approved by Chris McCooe, Dori Ference, Lynn Johnson, Marcia Lee and Sam Spratin

Ethics Test – are you up to date, did you take – Chris

Lynn – is only member that has not taken test. Test can be found at mass.gov. Certification is good for 3 YEARS

Extend DEP#184-0335 – letter to ConCom & Extension Form WPA 7 – Chris

Chris sent forms to BOS but will make sure to extend Order of Conditions for Weed treatment & draw down.

Review Roles & Responsibilities and what we want from BOS – ALL

This will be reviewed at the next meeting

NEW BUSINESS:

Lake Treatment for Milfoil planned for June 17, 2020 -

Need volunteers to post signs in CT and MA. On weekend before the treatment. Sam to help with North Basin

Commitment to meetings to be discussed at next meeting if time permits

Changing meetings to monthly – to be discussed at next meeting

LOC/BOS joint meetings monthly – to be discussed at next meeting.

Next Meeting: May 19 at 6:45

Current plan is to continue with 1st and 3rd Tuesdays

Chris made Motion to Adjourn the meeting at 8:25. Seconded by Sam Spratin. Approved by Chris McCooe, Dori Ference, Lynn Johnson, Marcia Lee and Sam Spratin

Public Comment