



**Lake Oversight Committee**  
**Joint Meeting of the Board of Selectmen**  
**April 6, 2021 Minutes**

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Dawn Kamay, Bob Kamay, Sam Spratlin, Bettina Schmidt, Clelland Johnson, Lynn Johnson, Christine McCooe, Doug Cayer, Dori Ferrence (joined late)

Stacy announced that she was still recording the meeting. Dawn Kamay is recording also.

Bettina opened the meeting at 5:45pm.

RFQ for Weed Treatment Contract: Chris McCooe said that BOS should have followed up on any changes to the treatment plan. Clelland agreed with the RFQ but questioned who were the alternate contractors. Chris asked if RFQs sent out yet. Chris to email who she would recommend for this, then Clelland said BOS would send it out.

Dam Inspection Update: Bob Kamay and Chris McCooe were to look into this. Fuss and O'Neil did the 2010, McClure did 2012, 14 and 16. Lenard did 2018. If less than \$10K no need to send for competitive bid. Bob Kamay then gave a presentation on comparisons of old dam reports. The dam is classified as high risk and that requires inspections every 2 years. There are strong letters in the Town files from DCR Dam Safety about lack of reports. Town needs to file a Request for Extension (email to be sent to Emily Carruso at Dam Safety) – Bob to email it to Stacy for sending in order to buy time for the report due in 2020. Sam Spratlin asked why “high risk” and it’s because it’s a large dam with high potential for loss of life and property. Stressed importance of getting a Maintenance and Operations manual created. Bob said need to hire someone for inspection ASAP. Problems with earlier reports noted by Bob Kamay. Chris McCooe stressed that some hires were based on cost. She liked the thoroughness of Fuss and O'Neil. Bob stressed Chris and Bob would prefer Fuss and O'Neil and also that perhaps Fuss and O'Neil should create the O&M Manual. Cost in the past quoted as \$3K for this. Doug Cayer asked about fines due to overall deficiencies. Why we haven't been fined. Nobody knows for sure. Bob stressed EAP needs to be updated and vegetation removed prior to next inspection. Doug agreed need to be proactive. Bettina talked with Brian and he's planning on vegetation clean up next couple of weeks. He also has contacted Army Core of Engineers. Regarding weed treatment at the dam -Chris McCooe explained that at the dam level the phragmites are dangerous and can only be removed at a certain time

of year. Bob brought up water over the spillway not good as degrades the dam (spalling). Sluice needs more frequent adjusting to maintain more constant lake levels. Discussion of Brian training LOC on "how to". How To would be in the new O&M Manual proposed to be created. Insurance to be job one (Stacy) and drawdown and talk to BOS about possibly setting up subcommittee. All voted in favor of these actions being taken.

#### New Business:

Not hearing back from Highway or Board of Health. Chris discussed lack of their response as elected officials. Suggested that the Town write a bylaw making these departments accountable to residents. Bettina said Kyle M. has told her to give out his personal cell and he's been taking over BOH coverage. Chris asked for Kyle's cell number.

Adding Culverts to the Large Causeway: Chris said we can look for grants to add a few more culverts to increase the south to north basin flow. Grant Writer monies have been used up until July 1 2021 and Bettina will ask him to look into it then. Clelland agreed with having grant writer investigate possible monies for this. Stacy suggested that LOC try to find grant monies on their own to be in quick position to apply.

Bettina motioned for the meeting to be adjourned at 6:18pm. All agreed. Nobody seconded, however.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Kamay, Acting Recording Secretary