



## Lake Oversight Committee

### May 4, 2021 Minutes

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Attendees: Lynn Johnson (Co-Chair, Secretary), Doug Cayer (Temporary Chair), Dawn Kamay (Assistant Secretary), Dori Ference, Chris McCooe (Guest, left meeting early), Sam Spratlin, Clelland Johnson, Bob Kamay (Guest)

Meeting was called to order by Doug Cayer at 6:42pm

Quorum: Yes

Motion was made by Dori Ference to accept the above position designations, seconded by Dawn Kamay. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Chris McCooe described the duties associated with the various positions on the LOC. She will forward a document outlining same. Stressed the delivery of the agenda and it's deadlines. All will be sent access info to the email box on the Town site. Chris will give a flash drive to Doug with LOC documents. Lynn said she already has a flash from Chris, and Lynn and Chris will review this to be sure historical data is maintained within the Committee. Chris stressed working with the other Town boards for the good of the lake. Chris will stay available to assist whenever asked/needed.

The approval of past minutes was tabled to the next meeting due to the inavailability of Mar. 16, 2021 (Dawn to try to locate and distribute to all) and April 6 Joint Meeting and the following on of the LOC meeting not having been reviewed prior to meeting by the membership. Lynn will be posting old minutes asap.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

Storm Water Management Plan discussed by Dori Ference. She has made several attempts to reach out to adjoining towns to get copies of what they have on file. Pioneer Valley Planning Commission has promised to send a template. Sturbridge Concom has committed to send her a 'sample' document.

Clelland advised that per Bettina Schmidt, Brian Johnson to clear brush at the dam spillway by the end of next week so that it's ready for the next dam inspection/evaluation report to be done. RFPs for weed treatment have been sent with a due date of end May back to Town. At the joint BOS and LOC meeting in June they will be evaluated, and a supplier chosen.

Dam Issues: Bob Kamay asked about engineering firms having been contacted for the dam inspection. Bob offered to work with Chris McCooe on hiring a firm to perform this. Clelland will assist in any way asked. Bob advised the DCR has given us a deadline extension for the completion of the inspection to end of June. Town needs to be sure Emergency Action Plan we have gets updated. Clelland suggested BOS should contact Police and Fire to have them assist in this effort. Lynn asked how often does this get updated? Status of EAP is part of dam inspection. Dori Ference to ask Lynn Arnold about history of EAP updates. She will also ask Lynn about the Operation and Maintenance Manual – where copies (besides the one given to Highway- B. Johnson) may be located. Lynn asked where LOC files may be maintained. Dori said BOS files should also contain a copy. Bob Kamay suggested he may be able to get a copy from the engineering firm that prepared the O&M manual. Dori to ask Lynn if she remembers which firm created it. It was stressed that prior to the dam evaluation being done 3 things must happen:

- EAP Updated,
- Vegetation at dam cleared, and
- O&M Manual located.

Engineering firm files their report with DCR and Town gets copied.

Location of Town Hall keys were discussed. Dawn advised that keys can't just be passed around, they must stay controlled by the Town Administrator as she maintains record of who has one. Dori will turn hers into Stacy for onward to another member.

Brief discussion about agenda item – change of bylaws and insurance, both pertaining to residents (volunteer sub committee of LOC?) taking over dam flow responsibilities. Bob mentioned that discussion between Dawn Kamay and Brian Johnson indicated it's not as easy as you may think and he seemed reluctant to let it leave Highway responsibility. If the O&M is located residents should be able to do it. Lynn Arnold confirmed McClure Engineering did create the manual. Change of flow responsibility to be discussed at a future meeting.

Membership asked how often they'd like to continue meeting. Dawn voted 1x/month and all agreed. Meetings going forward to be the first Tuesday of every month.

South Basin Boat Launch: Bob Kamay discussed work done in Fall of 2020. Idea going forward is to put in concrete slabs on the lake bed at the launch area to correct and maintain proper angle and depth for up and off loading of various types of watercraft. Bob to report back on quotations for work and potential suppliers. Lynn mentioned FHRA is involved in this heavily. Discussion of how/who expected to pay for this. Special Fund Raiser idea discussed, and possible reluctance of north basin folk being expected to contribute. Any work to be done during/after drawdown October 2021.

Weed Treatment: New contract proposals to be reviewed and signed after the June 2021 treatment which is the last on the existing contract with Solitude.

Doug asked if any new business? Bob Kamay suggested continuity between LOC and FHRA important, and thereby offered to join LOC as a member. Dori Ference made a motion that we recommend Bob Kamay for the empty spot on LOC. Lynn Johnson seconded. All in favor, non opposed.

No other issues being brought up for discussion, Dawn Kamay made a motion that the meeting adjourn. Lynn Johnson seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 7:36pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Kamay, Acting Recording Secretary