

Lake Oversight Committee
February 23, 2021
Joint Meeting with Select Board
Summary of Meeting: Extracted from BOS Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 5:31

LOC Members present for Joint meeting: Christine McCooe; Lynn Johnson; Sam Spratlin; Doug Cayer; Dori Ference

1. **Culvert Grant** – chances of getting grant are not high based on last culvert (Mashapaug Rd) report from Mass DOT; would need to balance oversight with another grant (319) that highway dept is already managing

Action – Ms. Stout confirm with Jay Mooney/Grant writer that we will not apply for this at this time

2. **RFQ for weed treatment** – Ms. McCooe sent draft RFQ for review and approval by BOS; Stacy forwarded Feb 3rd 2021 update to BOS to review highlighted sections

Action – BOS will review and respond to Ms. Stout with feedback; email address for Bob Kamay to be added under contact info section

3. **Lake Maintenance & LOC Budget** - \$1000 for Expenses and \$50,000 for Maintenance submitted to Finance Board as part of FY22 Select Board budget request; original LOC estimate for maintenance was \$55,000; since not all estimated treatments may be needed yearly, requested amount is \$50k

4. **Dam Cleanup & maintenance**

Dam maintenance Discussion: Highway is responsible for maintaining spillway; Need a documented procedure for managing necessary work items; Once we have a new inspection report and estimate for work then it would be a Warrant Article for a Town Meeting; last comprehensive report is from 2016 (McClure Engineering); most recent report is dated 2018 (Lenard Engineering) however the data was believed to be outdated

Action: BOS and LOC will pursue having a new inspection done; Ms. McCooe and Mr. Kamay will assist with researching potential firms to use

Dam clean up – as reported by Ms. McCooe, Mr. Johnson/Highway Dept was to hire a landscaping company to clean out Phragmites

Action: Ms. Schmidt to talk with B Johnson to confirm if it was done and to schedule if not

5. **Drawdown procedure**

Discussion: the low water level is causing issues for some residents; seems the draw down process is not working smoothly

Based on NOI and Order of Conditions, Highway dept is responsible for maintaining the level at 2' down at the dam through the end of March; this year has been particularly erratic resulting in loss of water for some residents

Action: Ms. Stout to request current active Protocol for Drawdown, Notice of Intent and Order of Conditions from Conservation Commission to be reviewed by C Johnson and then for BOS to discuss plan for next steps

6. **Procellacor treatments** – FHRA voted to pay \$4900 to treat the privately owned pond (in CT) above reservoir; this is in addition to the treatment paid for by the town; owner has granted permission; Solitude will file permits

Ms. Schmidt called to adjourn Select Board meeting at 6:07PM

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Johnson

Secretary