

Lake Oversight Committee  
Town of Holland  
Minutes: August 24, 2017

Meeting called to order at 7:02PM.

**Members Present:** Dennis Allard, Chris McCooe, John Stevens, Luke Perczak, Elias Gillen, Val Lundin

**Guest Present:** Donna Allard, Rick Lundin, Andy Harhay, Larry Mandell, Brian Johnson

**Order of business:**

- D. Allard welcomed new member Luke Perczak. Introductions were made by other members.
- Motion by E. Gillen to accept the minutes of August 10, 2017. Motion passed with new member L. Perczak abstaining.

**Old Business:**

- Shore Drive boat ramp: The Board of Selectmen have approved the hiring of an attorney to research all aspects and means to obtain possession of the property on Shore Drive. They have approved a cap of \$5,000 to hire an attorney to procure this information that will answer all legal questions pertaining to this acquisition.
- B. Johnson (Highway Dept.) attended the meeting to discuss public/private roads, catch basins, and drainage issues. Road repairs and culvert repair for run-off are major concerns. Funding for repairs is difficult to obtain and often takes very long before it is awarded. B. Johnson reported there are 10 miles of private ways/roads in Holland that make town repair difficult. It would be beneficial if all roads were public. The best suggestion for funding off any roads/runoff areas in need of repairs would be to apply for another 319 Grant.
- B. Johnson has contacted the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program for funding to replace the box culvert at the dam, but there are no funds available.
- RFP for dredging: C. McCooe reported K. Robbins corrected the acreage to reflect 413.  
E. Gillen to check with K. Robbins if a committee has been formed to evaluate the RFP's when they are returned.

**New Business:**

- A resident living on the lakefront was concerned that Blue-Green Algae was spotted in the water. She drew a water sample in a jar and contacted Conservation. The sample was brought to the Board of Health. The Board of Health contacted T. Balthazar who believed it was her well water she wanted tested. MicroBac lab used for the e-coli testing does not have the equipment to test for Cyanobacteria. C. McCooe contacted a company that does and the cost of the test. V. Lundin reported that the Board of Health is only required to test for e-coli, however further action for the Cyanobacteria test of Hamilton Reservoir will be researched by the Board of Health.
- Brandon Cove dredging: discussion is still in progress. Many questions yet to be fully answered. Runoff must first be controlled and more information must be acquired other than yardage and cost of removal, i.e. hazardous material testing, (\$1000, property owners may consider paying for the test), where the spoils would dewater, how long it would take, where it would finally be disposed, property that would be used for machines/equipment, cost of such, easement permission letters from property owners.
  - The Lake Oversight Committee recommended that the Board of Selectmen contact residents on Brandon Cove regarding this option – if they, as private residents, would be willing to pay for the soil test which needs to be done prior to any final decision on what the actual direction would be.

Next meeting: Thursday, September August 10, 2017.

Motion to adjourn, 8:28 PM, E. Gillen. 2<sup>nd</sup> by J. Stevens. All in favor. Motion passed.

Minutes respectfully submitted.

Val Lundin, Recording Secretary

*Valerie K. Lundin*