

Lake Oversight Committee  
Town of Holland  
Minutes: July 19, 2017.

Meeting called to order at 7:01PM.

Members Present: Dennis Allard, Chris McCooe, Elias Gillen, Val Lundin

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

**First order of business:**

- Motion by C. McCooe to nominate D. Allard as interim chair until such time that all board members are present. All in favor. Motion passed.

**Old Business:**

- Motion by D. Allard to nominate C. McCooe as vice chair. All in favor. Motion passed.
- Motion by D. Allard to nominate V. Lundin as committee secretary. All in favor. Motion passed
- Minutes of June 7, 2017 and June 21, 2017 meetings were distributed. Motion by E. Gillen that minutes from both meetings be tabled until he can get clarification on voting/approving minutes from prior meetings.
- Meeting schedule:  
Motion by D. Allard that the LOC meetings be scheduled for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at 7:00PM beginning August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017. All in favor. Motion passed.  
Due to prior commitments by E. Gillen, the committee voted to hold the August 2017 LOC meetings on Thursday, August 10<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- Motion by C. McCooe to table the discussion on current LOC By Laws. E. Gillen will obtain a copy from K. Robbins for review at a subsequent meeting.
- Review and status of RFP (Request for Feasibility Plan). Will check with K. Robbins as to the status and where we are in the process for discuss at the next meeting. The three prior studies (1983, 2000, 2008(?)) done on Hamilton Reservoir may also assist this new study. The Dep Wildlife & Fishers may also have information on Hamilton Reservoir that might assist with Feasibility issues.
- Task List: LOC tasks are overseen by the Board of Selectmen.  
Number one priority is lake preservation. Other concerns include: maintaining the quality of the lake; a designated area on the South Basin for ingress and egress of boats; run-off into lake (concerning public vs. private roads); water quality; and depth of lake.
- Any warrants to be included in the next town wide meeting are due to K. Robbins by August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017.
- E. Gillen will contact the Highway department to discuss public vs. private roads for run-off control to identify the largest runoff issues around the lake.
- LOC is invited to The Last Green Valley Water Advisory Committee Meeting and Special Cyanobacteria (blue green algae in water bodies) presentation, on Tuesday, August 8, 2017, 9-1:30 pm at 205 Roseland Park Road, Woodstock, CT.

**New Business:**

- Grants opportunities for replacing culvers in areas of high ecological value. Issue will be discussed at a subsequent meeting and the highway department will be invited to the discussion.
- The engineering company that seems most qualified to maintain the dam is Tighe & Bond. Will check with K. Robbins as to any contract that might be needed to hire them.
- Each member should bring a priority or goal for the new fiscal year for discussion at the next LOC meeting.
- There have been concerns over whether docks could be installed in right of ways. If right of way is owned by property owners, they would decide together. However, this is an issue that needs further research. Information will be forth coming.
- C. McCooe reported that at the last water testing by Solitude (7/19/17), a new invasive aquatic weed – Band Wort – was discovered in the north basin. The only means of eradicating this weed is by hand pulling the complete root system. Suggested that before this weed spreads to other areas of the lake is to hire two divers for two days to do the root removal and take to a disposal site. Cost for two divers is \$3,700 (\$1,850 per day). D. Allard suggested since the Order of Conditions for the water testing comes under Conservation - with the BOS as the applicant, they should be notified. C. McCooe will follow through with this issue.
- LOC Bylaws: E. Gillen suggested they be reviewed and discussed soon. If decided to make any changes they would need to be included in the special town meeting.

Next meeting: Thursday, August 10, 2017.

Motion to adjourn, 8:15 PM, D. Allard, 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. McCooe. All in favor. Motion passed.

Minutes respectfully submitted.

Val Lundin, Recording Secretary

*Valerie K. Lundin*