

Lake Oversight Committee
May 19, 2020
Meeting - Remote due to Order Suspending Open Meetings

Committee Members:

Present: Christine McCooe, Sam Spratin, Dori Ference, Lynn Johnson, Larry Mandell, Marcia Lee

Absent: Allen Johnson

Invited Guests: Jay Mooney- present
Brian Johnson - absent

Quorum Present: Yes or No

PROCEEDINGS

- Meeting called to order by Christine McCooe at 6:55 p.m.

Old Business:

- **Review & accept minutes from May 5, 2020 & correction on April 27, 2020**

May 05, 2020

Motion was made by Dori Ference to accept the minutes from the May 05, 2020 Meeting. Seconded by Sam Spratin. Approved by Chris McCooe, Dori Ference, Marcia Lee, Sam Spratin, Larry Mandell, Lynn Johnson.

April 27, 2020

Motion was made by Chris McCooe to accept the minutes from the May 05, 2020 Meeting, with corrections. Seconded by Dori Ference. Approved by Chris McCooe, Dori Ference, Marcia Lee, Sam Spratin, Larry Mandell, and Lynn Johnson.

- **Update on National Grid regarding engineering – Larry**

They are shut down – no info available at this time

- **Grant writer update – 319 grant and causeway – Jay Mooney**

Jay and Chris walked the group through the draft of the Grant application. Current focus is to address run off from Mountain Road and Sandy Beach Road. Jay believes the project is sound and the high-level information in order; however, more detail is needed to complete this application. A significant amount of the needed information must come from Brian.

Chris discussed efforts that have been made to remediate weeds and described details related to water quality testing. Following the meeting, Chris will provide Jay contact information for Solitude Lake Management.

The submission could benefit from pictures of the proposed areas. Chris was going to find a video taken some time back that illustrated the run off problem on Mountain Road. Although video cannot be included, Sam will try to extract a series of still photos from the video. Additional photos will be taken as needed to outline the issues with runoff. Dori may have pictures of Brandon Cove.

Discussed the requirement that the town must come up with a 40% match of the total project cost. Larry indicated this would not be an issue, the funds are available. This application does need to be reviewed and accepted by Select Board and may have to be taken to Finance Committee.

Grant application is due June 4th. Jay will attend the June 2nd Joint Meeting of LOC and Select Board and review the submission.

- **Update on letter recommendation of by law changes, to the police, 2017 dock regs on-line, patrol schedule – Chris**
 - No changes were submitted
 - Larry will provide the document of changes to Chris for planning for next year.
 - Previous discussions centered around changes to the Lake Patrol to make it less predictable
 - Dori to document some ideas and send Chris.
 - Dori and Marcia to provide a summary of dock changes to Chris
- **Update on Draw Down Procedures including maintaining level thru or in March – Sam**
 - This item has been discussed previously, but a document was not finalized nor distributed. Sam produced a draft and submitted to LOC member.
 - Larry will provide a copy of the document he drafted and discussed at a previous meeting. The group will review the document and this topic will be included in an upcoming meeting. It is important to capture roles, responsibilities, timing of events and communication with residents when excessive draw down is required to perform maintenance.
- **Update on Wash Off Station –**
 - Discussion tabled until later in summer – June or July – Marcia or Dori
- **Educational Brochures – Marcia/Jay**
 - Jay is all set with info need for 319 Grant
- **7-10 years ago LOC & BOS agreed to give folks w/shallow wells 5 years warning to fix their wells – go forward or not – Chris**
 - Discussion table to mid-summer
- **Update Army Corp & NEANS & CDR Jim Strab – AL J.**
 - Chris to ask Al for some background on this issue
- **Private Roads to Public roads – contact - Highway, Pioneer Valley, Ann Goby, Todd Somila – Highway Dept – Brian input**
 - Discussion tabled to next meeting.
- **Ethics Test – are you up to date, did you take – Chris**
 - Lynn to get certification
- **Review Roles & Responsibilities and what we want from BOS – ALL**
 - Have made some recent changes. Secretary, Chair and Co-Chair in place. Will continue to refine roles as we move forward. We will review BOS support at upcoming Joint Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **LOC/BOS joint Meeting June 2nd – Contract for weed control**
 - BOS - Sent out 3 RFP for weed treatment contract – Need contract in place by July 1st –
 - If anyone has other items to add to June 2nd agenda, send topics to Chris.

- **A resource committee for Culvert/Causeway –**
 - The Culvert/Causeway improvement are a very hard sell for the town. Success on such a project will require a great deal of planning, communication and research to prepare a case that will resonate all residents of the town. A sub group of LOC, FHRA and other town members will be needed. If you would like to be part of this group, send email to Chris.
- **Public Comment**
- Motion was made by Larry Mandell to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Dori Ference. Approved by Chris McCooe, Dori Ference, Marcia Lee, Sam Spratin, Larry Mandell, Lynn Johnson.

Next Meeting: Tuesday June 2nd – Joint Meeting with Select Board. Agenda and other details to follow.

Respectfully Submitted by

Lynn Johnson