



## Minutes of the Lake Oversight Committee

May 2, 2023

**Attendees:** Sam Spratlin, Cari Robertson (Chair), Bob Kamay, Dawn Kamay, Peter Frei, James Whelan (toward end)

**Attendees Remote:** Christine Huijing

**Members Absent:** None

**Guests:** None

Chair, Cari Robertson, called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

Bob Kamay moved that the minutes of March be accepted as written, Sam Spratlin seconded and all voted aye. There was no meeting held in April.

### **Weed Treatment for 2023:**

Bob Kamay announced that Town had signed the contract with Water and Wetlands (W&W) and W&W will do a survey around June 15<sup>th</sup> and a treatment prior to the end of June allowing use of current fiscal year budget. Bob suggested a special meeting the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of June to discuss the recommendations by W&W of what/where to treat and with which herbicides. Decided not to hold a meeting the first Tuesday of June, but only have the special one on June 20. We will request treatment be timed to allow swimming for July 4<sup>th</sup> time frame. Sam requested we receive the notices for posting around town at least a week prior to treatment. Bob Kamay will relay this request. Bob discussed consideration of using some of the budget money for treatment to use PROcelecor for milfoil as it keeps this nuisance weed controlled for 2-3 years vs. yearly treatment. This will be decided following W&W's survey.

### **Dam Inspection:**

Bob informed that he'd sent an RFP to McClure engineering this morning. Once response received on this Phase 1 Dam Inspection the visit would be made in order to compile a report for the town. Cari said that according to her conversation with the Town Administrator the town would ensure that monies were made available for both the

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inspection and the growth removal at the foot of the dam (potentially by D&B Tree). Bob brought up that there is a large amount budgeted for Dam Maintenance and that, depending on the report findings, we may need to tap that for repairs to the sluice gate which is very old and reportedly beginning to fail. Minor repairs have been made in the past but full repair will be required in the near future during the drawdown period. The gentleman who was managing the water levels at the dam is interested in doing so again and is already in contact with DPW on this.

### **Dredging:**

Cari showed photos of SOLitude using a powered rake system to remove weeds and muck from the bottom of Webster Lake. She inquired of them as to cost etc. ½ acre is approximately \$350.00/hour plus a set up charge. The contractor would remove and stockpile the debris and the contractee would be responsible for disposal. In order to remove sand/sediment build up a vacuum system can be used at \$275.00/hour plus transportation fee. Bob said this can be done as long as less than 100 cubic yards are removed. Cari had asked Brian Johnson at Holland DPW if they would be able to assist with pickup and disposal of removed muck should this idea be implemented and he affirmed.

Bob informed that he'd heard Webster Lake had gotten a grant for cleaning up the lake there and perhaps Hamilton could do the same, perhaps involving FHRA as a 501c organization to participate as well, perhaps supplement any grant monies procured. Bob would propose to the FHRA membership such participation (up to 50% of total cost). Showling out of Worcester performs this type of work and it would be done during drawdown. Concom would need to issue a permit. Cari suggested that we educate residents regarding maintenance of catchbasins on private roads, not blowing leaves into the roadways or into the lake, etc. Christine Huijing will make this part of her environmental section of the FHRA Annual Spring meeting and Bob will get photos and information from SOLitude on the muck dredging to assist with this presentation.

### **Miscellaneous:**

Cari brought up that the BOS approves special events permits. James said that applicants apply to the State and then the application goes to the Town of the event for their approval. Cari is concerned about the speed limit being greatly exceeded (especially due to the events frequently being on weekends when quiet time is in effect) and the potential for harm during warmer weather to swimmers and kayakers. Bob suggested that the event organizers be required to advise participants the morning of the activity of the boating and speed rules, much as they do for motorcycle and car racing events.

Bob Kamay told the committee that FHRA, with assistance of Clelland Johnson, was holding a Safe Boating Class at the Community Center on June 24<sup>th</sup> - \$10 a person for FHRA members and given by the Coast Guard Auxillary.

Cari brought up a received complaint about residents throwing bags of dog poop into the lake and along the lake area. Again it was decided this was a matter to be brought up at the FHRA meeting. Residents need to self police. Hoping that a 'public shaming' tactic of this type will be enough to stop the behavior.

There will be an event this June with the Aqua Riders in collaboration with Team Hoyt for disabled people to learn and participate in water sports.

Cari asked if anyone had further matters to discuss. None.

Meeting adjourned at 8:04pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Kamay

Acting Secretary