

**Lake Mansfield Improvement Task Force Meeting Minutes**

**September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 8:30am**

**Location: 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Town Hall meeting room, 334 Main Street, Great Barrington**

**Present:** Christine Ward, Ron Dlugosz, Joe Sokul, Marco Crescentini (replacing Jessica Dezieck as Con Com rep), Nina Evans, Dale Abrams, Suzanne Fowle, Deb Phillips, Chris Rembold (ex-officio)

**Next meetings:** 10/18 (note: THIRD Monday because of Columbus Day)

11/8

12/13/10.

All above meetings are at 8:30 AM in Town Hall

RECORD OF DISCUSSION	FOLLOW-UP
<p>1. Move to Accept 8/10/10 LMITF Meeting Minutes as Written</p>	<p>4 yes votes; 3 abstentions because of absence from that meeting. Minutes Approved as Written</p>
<p>2. Grant Updates</p> <p>a. 604b Approved (for storm water drainage mitigation at Knob Hill), Next Steps</p> <p>b. Status of 319 Nonpoint Source Pollution Grant (Castle Hill drainage): will hear probably by late September</p> <p>c. Recreational Trail Grant for Lake Mansfield Conservation Forest</p>	<p>a. Getting quotes from engineers and designers. Pending receipt of official contract will do outreach to neighbors.</p> <p>b. No word yet on 319 Nonpoint Source Pollution Grant application</p> <p>c. \$29,000 received. Awaiting new estimate from Peter Jensen for aboveground trail; trail building to start in late October</p>
<p>3. Vernal Pool in Lake Mansfield watershed on Eastview property</p> <p>a. Neighborhood Outreach (Eastview Pool Board)</p> <p>b. Review of levels of Current protections: Vernal pool certification prohibits changes within 50'; permitting required for 50-100'.</p> <p>c. Review of protection available through NHESP</p>	<p>a. Jim Mercer's (Eastview treasurer) expressed concerns re vernal pool certification previously noted.</p> <p>b. Marco to determine what level of protection already exists. Marco to find out which has precedence: ownership or wetland regulations.</p>

4. Update on Shoal property work within the buffer zone and wetland area	Approved removal of buckthorn and bittersweet within 50' zone; tree cutting negated. Trees and shrubs to be replanted in 2:1 ratio.
5. Developing Comprehensive Rules for Lake Mansfield (see attachment) a. Consideration of an initial draft as submitted by Ron & Christine	Reviewed present rules; proposed rules to be reviewed before next meeting and discussed at that time.
6. Updates on Recreation Area Maintenance	DPW posted restroom sign. Boat launch sign has arrived, needs to be put up.
7. Fall Events, a. GB WALK-ABOUT, (Gt. B. Trails and Greenways)September 11th,2010 (10:00am – 12:30pm) Walking teams can raise money for trail-building. b. Senior picnic, September 13th, 2010 (10:00am- 2:30pm) c. LAPA- West 12th ANNUAL WORKSHOP, October 2, 2010 Berkshire Community College (Invasive Species: Preventing Spread & Managing Infested Lakes)	a. Walkabout was very successful; more than forty participants. Discussion: Future work is needed to provide safe crossings and sidewalks in key areas of GB Downtown walking Loop. b. Postponed to 9/20 because of inclement weather; planting will proceed as originally scheduled. Planting is provided by Great Barrington Garden Club and Ward's Nursery.
d.	c.

**Further Discussion:** A LMITF update will be prepared for distribution to all related Boards & Commissions which will share news about our current grant application status, recent accomplishments in the LM Recreation area (planting of new elderberry & blueberry bushes) and related areas of need (a. consideration of no parking status for LM road from Boat Launch to Beach Area. b. consideration of comprehensive Lake Mansfield rules/regs to address lake, beach and forest areas)

Handouts:

1. Comprehensive Rules and Regulations for Lake Mansfield, initial draft as presented by Ron Dlugosz and Christine Ward. (attached)

Nina Evans

**Lake Mansfield Rules and Regulations**  
**Proposed**

Forest Rule/Regulation Lake Beach  
 (Concom) (TBD) (Parks & Rec)  
 (State of MA)

Enjoyment of the public	Yes	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>
Smoking	Yes	<b>No</b>	?
Consideration for others	Yes	<b>Yes</b>	Yes
Alcohol / Illegal Substances	No	<b>No*</b>	<b>No</b>
Glass containers	No	<b>No</b>	No
Dogs	Yes	<b>No</b>	<b>Leash</b>
Litter	No	<b>No</b>	No
Lifeguard Authority	No	<b>Yes</b>	No
Supervision of children	Yes	<b>Yes</b>	Yes
Bathing suits		<b>Yes</b>	
Diving		<b>No</b>	
Swimming ( <i>own risk when no lifeguard?</i> )	Own risk	<b>Yes</b>	
Boats / Floats	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	
Fabric (weed control) disturbance / removal		<b>No</b>	
Fishing	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	
Special Events (Permits?) ( <i>over 15? Individuals</i> )	Yes*	<b>Yes*</b>	Yes*
Trail Cutting	No		<b>No*</b>
Structures / Docks	<b>No*</b>	No*	<b>No*</b>
Rubbish / Debris	No	No	<b>No</b>
Planting / Cutting	No*	No*	<b>No*</b>
Mushrooms / Berries (personal consumption)			<b>Yes</b>
Hunting / Trapping (add)	No	No	<b>No</b>
Dog waste removal	Yes	Yes	<b>Yes</b>
Camping	No	No	<b>No*</b>
Fires / ( <i>cutting wood?</i> )	?	In grills	<b>No*</b>
Motorized Vehicles (except electric motors in lake)	<b>No*</b>	No*	<b>No*</b>
Watercraft / (safety equipment?)	<b>Yes</b>		
Ice skating / Skiing ( <i>risk?</i> )	<b>Yes</b>	yes	<b>Yes</b>
Boat Survey (Zebra Muscles)	<b>Yes</b>		
Water withdrawal	No	No	
Metal Detectors / Digging	?	?	?
Loud noise / music (hours?)	?	?	?
Trespassing on Private Property	No		No
Introduction of fish / plants / wildlife / foreign materials	No	No	No
Overnight Parking	No	No	No
Disturbing Wildlife	No	No	No
Fines	<b>Yes</b>	Yes	<b>Yes</b>

\* Without permission