

**Lake Mansfield Improvement Task Force Minutes: 11/8/10**

**Present:** Dale Abrams, Marco Crescentini, Ron Dlugosz, Nina Evans, Suzanne Fowle, Deb Phillips, Chris Rembold (ex officio), Joe Sokul, Christine Ward

**Next meeting:** Monday, 12/13/10 at 8:30 A.M. in Town Hall Meeting Room, 334 Main Street, Great Barrington

**LMITF minutes of 10/25/10:** Approved as written with two abstentions by members not present at the 10/25 meeting.

**Conflict of Interest Law for Municipal Employees:** Summary reviewed.

**Required Action:** Consensus that as long as interest is acknowledged no overall change is required in current procedures, but that each time a specific issue arises we will reexamine what, if anything, needs be done at that time.

**GRANT UPDATES:**

**604b approved:** for use in designing stormwater management solutions for boat launch and Knob Hill areas around Lake Mansfield.

**Required Actions:**

1. Public announcement. Done by Chris Rembold in Berkshire Record.
2. Contract with Foresight Land Services: pending completion of scope of work plan.

**319 Nonpoint Source Pollution Grant:** Awarded for \$266,000. To be matched by 40% from town (included DPW work, volunteer time and staff time). Grant is for curtailing sediment run-off into the lake by implementing Castle Hill Avenue stormwater improvements.

**Recreational Trail Grant for Lake Mansfield Conservation Forest: Revised Scope of Work**  
Accessible trail bed nearly completed as well as clearing of loop trail; all work, including signage and blazing to be finished by spring 2011.

**Required Action:** All above grant updates to be announced to Board of Selectmen.

**Vernal Pool:** If the pool is already a "jurisdictional wetland" NHESP certification would provide little additional protection beyond prohibiting filling.

**Required Actions:** Marco Crescentini and Chris Rembold will visit the site and then use National Wetland Inventory maps and Massachusetts G.I.S. to try to determine its current legal status as a wetland.

**Recreational Area Maintenance Updates:** Graffiti removed from Whale Rock. Joe Sokul stated that DPW uses reduced salt in the area around the lake.

**Required Action:** Joe Sokul will be given a copy of the mowing specifications around the lake. The area between the newly planted blueberries and sassafras should not be mowed at all.

**Lake Mansfield Recreational Area Rules and Regulations:** The transfer ownership of Lake Mansfield to the town has been completed. Hence the governing rules and regulations have to be developed and passed by Select Board (and Parks and Rec or Con Com in areas that are their responsibility.) Current draft of proposed rules/regs, developed by Christine Ward and Ron Dlugosz, was reviewed item by item. These guidelines are being established to protect the natural resources and provide for safe, pleasant recreation for all. Task Force Members are

asked to keep the board/commission/ org. they represent updated on this process and to provide the task force with any input received.

**Required Actions:** Christine to obtain current guidelines from Water District. Draft to be shared w/ connected boards & commission for review and input and the final draft is to be presented to Select Board ; at that meeting announcement will be made that the next LMITF meeting will be a public meeting and open for public comment on the draft rules/regs.

**Updates from other Boards:** Master Plan Commission has been formed. Christine Ward is an alternate member, representing Parks and Rec and Deb Phillips is a full member, representing the Select Board. Question of updating Open Space Plan as well and of how Master Plan and Open Space Plan relate.

Nina Evans, Recording Secretary