

## **LAKE MANSFIELD IMPROVEMENT TASK FORCE**

**MEETING MINUTES: 4/11/11**

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

**Present:** C. Ward (chair), D. Abrams, R. Dlugosz, N. Evans, D. Phillips, S. Schroeder, J. Sokul

**Next Meeting:** Monday, 5/9/11, 8:30 AM, Town Hall

**Minutes of 3/14/11:** Approved as read

**Update to BOS and related bodies:** deferred

### **Updates on Recreational Area Maintenance:**

1. J. Sokul (DPW superintendent): Early start on cleanup then returning to seasonal maintenance. Stakes may be set around new elderberry/blueberry bushes before mowing to help designate the space as a no-mowing area to allow for the revitalization of the buffer zone.
2. Mowing Guidelines (prepared by D. Abrams) **See attached** derived from old set promulgated by Con Com. Area divided into three mowing zones: regular, limited and none. Guidelines to be reviewed by J. Sokul for feasibility, then by Con Com, and then adopted by DPW.
3. Lake Mansfield Road: Question of how to discourage parking at Floyd property.
4. Beach Area Improvements: new sign at lifeguard station, second (seasonal) lifeguard chair, better fastening for anti-weed fabric (paid for by Parks Commission) in swim area.
5. RDA for Invasive Weed Control (Lake Mansfield Alliance): submitted by D. Abrams to Con Com. Purpose: cutting of bittersweet, loosestrife and non-native Phragmites.
6. Trail Developments: use review for accessible vehicles- C. Ward.  
Spring trail work will include connection with Christian Hill Commons.

### **Grant Updates:**

604b Planning Grant for engineering of Knob Hill storm water mitigation contracted to Foresight Services. Support for boat launch improvements sought from MA Fishing & Access.

319 Non-point Source Pollution Grant for Castle hill storm water filtration: contract to arrive momentarily; work scheduled for 2012-13.

### **Upcoming Lake Mansfield Events:**

**April 14<sup>th</sup>:** Berkshire School Student Gracious Living Day: trail work/invasive plant removal

**April 30<sup>th</sup>:** Lake Mansfield Cleanup and Celebration Day, 10:30-3. (Rain date Sunday, 5/7)

Submitted by N. Evans & C. Ward