

Lake Mansfield Improvement Task Force Meeting Agenda: Monday, May 9th at 8:30 am
Location: 2nd floor Town Hall meeting room, 334 Main Street, Great Barrington **Approved on 6/20/2011**

Present: C. Ward (Chairperson), D. Abrams, J. Dezieck, R. Dlugosz, N. Evans, S.F. Schroeder, J. Sokul, C. Rembold (ex officio) and Deb Phillips

Next meeting: 6/13/11 at 8:30 A.M., Town Hall **postponed to 6/20/11**

Minutes of 4/11/11: Approved as written

Amanda Sewell: New Conservation Agent invited to join LMITF

New sign at boat launch: J. Sokul thanked

Updates to Select Board and related boards/organizations: Now Town Meeting is finished
S.F. Schroeder will update Planning Board.

Managing beaver conflicts at Lake Mansfield: Beaver(s) stuffing lake exit pipe, leading to higher water levels, changes in buffer and potential risks to public health. The lake/forest regulations have been updated to permit beaver control. Extensive discussion as to beaver management, with final consensus to follow recommendations of Beaver Solutions Company, which is under the aegis of D.E.P. LMITF defers to DPW and Board of Health, the ultimate arbiters of this issue.

Updates on Recreation Area maintenance:

1. Mowing guidelines: Presented by J. Sokul to Conservation Commission, who approved them.
2. Speed bump at beach entrance: pending
3. Beach area improvements: Great Lake Day. Discussion of exotic phragmites control.
Action required: S.F. Schroeder will research effects of repeated cutting.

LMA's RDA for invasive weed control: Cutting but not pulling or herbicides approved.

Lake/trail developments:

1. Felled tree blocking trail: Cleared by Peter Jensen
2. Spring trail work: Commencing.
3. New signage put up by Greenagers. Accessible pad around chair sign.
4. Zebra mussel information displayed next to bike rack.
5. Resurfacing work near Christian Hill
6. Forest walk planned to include Con Com and original Con Com who bought forest for the town.
7. Need to do new lake assessment
Action required: C. Ward will bring in prior lake assessment history.

Clean water grants: Updates from C. Rembold, Town Planner

1. **604b planning grant for Knob Hill storm water mitigation:** one third through the work
2. **319 non-point pollution grant:** Received notice to proceed. Work will be implemented in 2012.

April/May Lake Mansfield events:

1. Berkshire School Student Gracious Living Day: 4/14, 9-2. Trail work and invasive plant removal.
2. Lake Mansfield Cleanup and Celebration Day: 4/30, 10:30-3
3. LAPA West workshop 5/24

Nina Evans, Recording Secretary