

Lake Mansfield Improvement Task Force Meeting Minutes: Monday, June 20th at 8:30 am

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

Approved as written on 10/17/2011

Present Task Force Members: Christine Ward, Ron Dlugosz, Joe Sokul, Jessica Dezieck, Dale Abrams, Suzanne Fowle Schroeder, Deb Phillips, Chris Rembold (ex-officio)

1. Move to Accept 05.09.11 LMITF Meeting Minutes as Written: **Minutes accepted as amended to include Deb Phillips as present.**
2. Updates on Recreation Area Maintenance
 - Update from Joe Sokul, DPW Superintendent
 - i. Lake Mansfield Road/ improvement of Speed Bump at the Beach Area: Delay of installation due to lack of availability of pavement and work demands, DPW will look to have this completed as soon as possible.
 - ii. Managing Beaver Conflicts at Lake Mansfield: No new information available at this time. Some evidence of some beaver presence still noted. Extensive Damage at this time.
 - Summer Swimming Season
 - i. Weed fabric installed in May as provided by the Park & Rec Department
 - ii. New Guard chair has been provided by the Park & Rec Department and installed by the DPW
 - iii. New playground equipment to be installed by the Park and Rec Department, more info to come after bids for equipment have been put forward and reviewed.
 - Trail Developments
 - i. Use review for accessible vehicles: Christine will propose amended language to the Conservation Commission to be adapted in the Town Code under Lake Mansfield Conservation Forest. This proposal will address the provision of an accessible trail can support wheel chair use but is not built to support other motorized vehicles due to the fragility of the natural spaces and style of trail construction.
 - ii. Spring Trail Work Removal of Fallen Trees in the trail area: Trail Consultant and Trail builder Ellen Jensen & Trail volunteers worked to refresh and re-compact all accessible bed. Peter Jensen removed to large blow downs that were obstructing the loop trail. Two new sign kiosks were provided by Greenagers and LMA. Temporary trail information is posted as we prepare the permanent signage which will include forest & trail rules and recognize all organizations who have contributed to the building of this trail system.
 - iii. Connecting with Christian Hills Commons: Jessica, Dale and Christine were joined by Will Conklin(GreenAgers) as the met with Elton Ogden from Berkshire Housing Authority to discuss the possibility of a from trail connection with Christian Hill Commons. Mr. Ogden agreed to pursue the possibility and requested an updated trail map and sketch of the trail work proposed for the Christian Hill property.
3. Lake Assessment: Water Quality and Weed Growth: Geosyntec provide the most recent Lake assessment in 2005. It included an extensive weed growth survey as well as specifics on the continued control of milfoil by beetles that were previously introduced. The task force discussed the importance of keeping our assessment information up to date as well as the good practice of requesting an assessment at this time to provide baseline

information before the implementation of the Castle Hill and Knob Hill Storm Water mitigations. Christ Rembold agreed to find out the cost of the previous study.

4. Clean Water Grants ~ Updates from Chris Rembold, Town Planner
 - 604b Planning Grant for Knob Hill Storm Water Mitigation: Survey work completed. The Ma Access Board (Dpt of Fishing and Wildlife) has agreed to pursue the conveyance of the small piece of property by the boat launch to the town.
 - 319 Nonpoint Source Pollution Grant for Castle Hill Storm Water Filtration: Chris met with an agent from MA DEP who was impressed by the strength of our previous planning. Installation of improved storm drains in planned for 2012.
5. Updates from Conservation Commission, Planning Board, Parks Commission, Town Planner: The first Public Forum of the Master Plan Committee is scheduled for July 14th at the Fire Station. All Task Force Members are urged to attend.
6. Next Meeting: Monday July 11th , 8:30 Town Hall

Provided by:



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