

Lake Mansfield Improvement Task Force Meeting Minutes : Monday July 11th, 2011 at 8:30 am

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

Approved as Written on 10/17/11

PRESENT: C. Ward (Chairperson), R. Dlugosz, N. Evans, D. Phillips, A. Sewall, J. Sokul,
C. Rembold (ex officio)

PREVIOUS MINUTES: Approval deferred for LMITF minutes of 6/20/11; awaiting distribution.

NEXT MEETING: THIRD Monday in September, 8/19, at 8:30, Town Hall (Deferred one week from usual meeting date to accommodate the Elderberry Bash for Seniors to be held at Lake Mansfield on Monday, 9/12.)

RECREATION AREA MAINTENANCE UPDATES:

J. Sokul, DPW Superintendent:

- a. There will be delay until later this summer for improvement of speed hump at the beach crossing.
- b. Beavers (3) removed and culvert cleaned.

Summer swimming:

- a. New playground material to be installed. New request for bids has been sent.
- b. Summer water quality testing: weekly tests continue negative for coliform bacteria.

Trail developments:

- a. Use review for accessible vehicles: Motorized only (e.g. wheelchairs), not manual (e.g. bicycles, scooters), needs to be approved by Conservation Commission, thence to Select Board. Also must be posted (in abbreviated form.)
- b. Summer trail work: Con Com sent check for last work.
- c. Connecting with Christian Hill Commons: Greenagers will be working on the connection in July.
- d. Volunteer waiver: to be discussed at September meeting.
- e. Development of sign kiosks for Lake Mansfield Forest trails: in process. Mr. Jensen will send updated maps.
- f. C. Ward suggested that Con Com establish a committee to oversee the lands for which they have stewardship (Lake Mansfield Forest, McCallister property.) To be discussed at a future meeting.

Lake assessment:

Geosyntec did last assessment in 2005 for less than \$5000. Consider redoing now, at time of major mitigation of stormwater drainage into lake. Assessment needs to be built into town budget, under Parks and/or Conservation Commissions. Then, after approval at Town Meeting, Con Com could solicit bids, using funds after 7/1/12.

Clean water grants: (604b planning grant and 319 nonpoint source pollution grant)

No updates, but C. Rembold reported that MA. DEP looked very favorably at the grants on a recent visit.

No updates from other relevant organizational bodies.

Provided by:



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