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Minuted Approved
as written
Christine Ward

Lake Mansfield Improvement Task Force (LMITF) Meeting Minutes:
Monday May 14, 2012 8:30 am
Location: 2nd Floor Meeting Room, Town Hall 334 Main Street, Great Barrington

Task Force Members Present: Christine Ward, Joe Sokul, Dale Abrams, Deb Phillips, Chris Rembold (ex-officio) & Amanda Sewall, conservation Agent

Task Force Members not able to attend: Ron Dlugosz, Jessica Dezieck, Nina Evans, Suzanne Fowle Schroeder

Guest: Thomas W. Coote, Director, Berkshire Environmental Research Center, Bard College at Simon's Rock

1. Review of Past Meeting Minutes
 - 3.12.12 LMITF Meeting Minutes approved as written
 - and 4.9.12 LMITF Meeting Minutes approved as amended
2. Review of LMITF 2011 Report
 - The report has been presented to the BOS and provided in the Town Annual Report
 - The report will be resent to Task Force members for sharing with the commissions/boards they represent.
3. Report on LMA Lake Mansfield Clean-up and Celebration Day
 - New focus on Weed Control Fabric/ Litter / Garlic Mustard Round-up/ painting
 - Smaller attendance than usual, very windy cool day.
 - Less litter along the road and Lake edges
4. Updates on Recreation Area Maintenance (Joe Sokul, DPW Superintendent)
 - Improvements to the Speed Hump/ Cross walk ~ Joe reported that several conflicts have gotten in the way of this work; he plans to move forward with this project as early as possible.
5. The Lake Mansfield Recreation Area & the updating of the OSRP
 - Chris has provided a map providing an illustration of the input received at the public forum. Next steps will include recording and sending on the OSR Forum meeting summary. A follow-up meeting will be scheduled for June or July.
6. Planning for Trails in the Lake Mansfield Conservation Forest
 - Update on 2011 Housatonic Heritage Partnership Grant for Trail Projects: Brochure Development For Lake Mansfield Conservation Forest to include a newly developed trail map (to be funded by LMA) and a new brochure w/ text highlighting the forest features to be developed by volunteers and printed w/ funding provided through Housatonic Heritage.
7. Certifying the Vernal Pool/ connecting with East View Pool Group.
 - Initial contact has been made with Jim Mercer, a follow-up email was sent ~ we are still waiting to hear back about a possible meeting/ presentation

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8. (9:00am) Phragmites Control @ Lake Mansfield Thomas W. Coote, Director, Berkshire Environmental Research Center, Bard College at Simon's Rock
 - Tom provided an overview of possible phragmites control techniques and recommended the direct application (cutting & sponging) of glyphosate as the most reliable and effective method of control. The task force discussed treatment options and asked Tom to provide proposal for consideration of the Task Force at the June 11 Meeting.

9. Updates from Conservation Commission, Planning Board, Parks Commission, Town Planner, Lake Mansfield Alliance and others.
 - A new LMA website is being developed and will be on line for review prior to the June 11 meeting, task force members are asked to review the site and provide input.
 - The need for designing and installing changing areas for the beach area was discussed.

10. Next Meeting: Monday June 11 2012 at 8:30AM, Town Hall 2nd Floor Meeting Room

Provided by:

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