

*Submitted for the Record  
Christine Ward  
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**Lake Mansfield Improvement Task Force Meeting Record**      **Monday July 16, 2012 8:30 am/**  
**Location: 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Meeting Room, Town Hall 334 Main Street, Great Barrington**

Task Force Members in Attendance: Christine Ward, Ron Dlugosz, Joe Sokul, Dale Abrams Chris Rembold (ex-officio)

\* **NOTE: As we did not have quorum at this meeting, no actions were taken.**

1. Move to Accept 6.11.12 LMITF Meeting Minutes as Written ~ **moved forward to next meeting.**
2. Updates on Recreation Area Maintenance (Joe Sokul, DPW Superintendent)

Discussion

- Improvements to the Speed Hump/ Cross walk: Construction of improved speed hump to be completed in the next month. Dale asked that during this new installation attention be given to redirecting problem drainage currently in this area which is eroding entry way to the beach area.
- Beach sand and swing mulch maintenance: New Beach Sand has been installed; mulch under the swing set is scheduled for installation in the weeks ahead.
- Bob Avery will be retiring this season, with his last work date scheduled for Friday July 20<sup>th</sup>; Clinton Burke will become the new supervisor for Parks & Cemeteries. Mr. Burke has been employed for several years by the town of GB (Parks & Cemeteries, DPW)

3. Review plans for Castle Hill Storm water mitigation:

Discussion: Chris Rembold shared the current plans for the upcoming storm water mitigation for Castle Hill (Work to be completed spring 2013) The work is extensive and includes the installation of several new drains as well as the improvement of existing drains. Pavement changes including the installation of curbs and the creation of a southward cross road slope are also included. The work is expected to take 60 days to complete. This engineering design shows work coming in at a greater cost than originally estimated. Chris will be working with MA DEP to review funding to accommodate the change in construction costs. This project is partially funded through 319 Clean Water Grant provided through MA Dept of Env. Protection.

4. Geosyntec Aquatic Plant Survey: Field work was completed on July 11, 2012.

Discussion: Bob Hartzel sent on photos of some of the plants sampled. He noted that plant material is quite abundant in Lake Mansfield as is consistent with the natural process of shallow ponds. It was also noted that milfoil populations have greatly declined. Most plant species occurring are native species. A complete report is expected in the next few weeks.

5. Phragmites Control @ Lake Mansfield / **Consideration of submitted proposals & Review of consideration by ConCom. Moved Forward to AUG 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting.**

6. Planning for Trails in the Lake Mansfield Conservation Forest: Brochure For Lake Mansfield Conservation Forest nearing completion.
7. The Lake Mansfield Recreation Area & the updating of the OSRP/ next meeting date: **No date set as of yet.**
8. Design & Installation of Changing facilities at the LM Beach Area/ Next Steps: No discussion with Parks Commission at this time, Ron D. spoke to the importance of a thoughtful design and offered to help with this design process.
9. Updates from Conservation Commission, Planning Board, Parks Commission, Town Planner, Lake Mansfield Alliance and others: Great Barrington Land Conservancy has two important Dates coming and invites task force members to the following:
  - Friday August 3 5:30–8:30 pm  
**Great Barrington Land Conservancy's Firefly Fete – Potluck (and very brief Annual Meeting)**  
Bring friends and family and share a festive evening potluck overlooking the meadows of the Great Barrington's McAllister Conservation property. Hear highlights of the Land Conservancy's 2012 season and enjoy a twilight stroll to the Green River. Location: 10 Highland Drive, Great Barrington
  - Sunday, September 30, 8–11 am (8–9 am Registration; 9:30 Start)  
**Run for the Hills 5K Run/Walk - GB Land Conservancy Fundraiser**  
Get in shape while helping to shape the future of Great Barrington's landscape! This event is for all: walkers and competitive runners will enjoy traversing some of Great Barrington's most beautiful farm land via paved and dirt country roads. Register early and bring home a T-shirt! All proceeds benefit Great Barrington Land Conservancy: Promoting land conservation, farm preservation, community trails, for more than 20 years.  
**For complete details and registration go to:**
10. Next Meeting: MONDAY AUG 6th at 8:30AM, Town Hall 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Meeting Room

Provided by:  
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