

*Approved as Amended
11/26/2012
Christine B Ward*

Lake Mansfield Improvement Task Force Meeting Minutes: Monday October 15 2012 8:30 AM
Location: 2nd Floor Meeting Room, Town Hall 334 Main Street, Great Barrington, MA

PRESENT: C. Ward (chairperson), J. Dezieck, R. Dlugosz, N. Evans, D. Phillips, S. F. Schroeder, J. Sokul and C. Rembold (ex officio)
NEXT MEETING: 11/19/12 (since 11/11 is a holiday) 8:30 AM, Town Hall

1. MINUTES OF 9/15/12: Approved with two abstentions for absence and with change in printed date from 9/8 to 9/15.
2. LAKE HEALTH: (C.Rembold)
 - GEOSYNTEC AQUATIC PLANT SURVEY: Final draft now on the Great Barrington and LMA websites.
 - PHRAGMITES CONTROL AT LAKE MANSFIELD: Draft of document covering scope of services and bidding approved as amended. Funding by Conservation Commission. Quotes will be requested for work in Fall 2013.
 - MET (Massachusetts Environmental Trust) WATER QUALITY MONITORING GRANT: With BERCC and Simon's Rock. Grant proposal letter submitted. Request is for \$50,000
3. RECREATION AREA UPDATES: (J. Sokul)
 - ENGINEERING FOR LAKE MANSFIELD ROAD: RFP in January, choose engineer probably by March with expectation that plans (three alternatives) will be completed by fall, 2013. Engaging broad community on this issue will be done after we have the alternative plans. Engineering costs to be provide through Chapter 90 funding.
 - IMPROVEMENTS TO SPEED HUMP AT CROSSWALK: On the schedule.
 - RESTITUTION FOR VANDALIZED PROPERTY: By those responsible. This is being pursued by DA.
4. FUTURE OPTIONS FOR LAKE MANSFIELD ROAD
 - Impact of Main Street Reconstruction : not discussed
 - Engaging the broader community when engineering options are available (fall 201³~~2~~)
5. LAKE MANSFIELD CONSERVATION FOREST TRAILS:
 - Motorized vehicle policy should be changed in Town Code from "draft" status. Policy is already posted. Motorized wheelchairs but no other motorized vehicles are permitted.
 - Engaging local Students: Simon's Rock Volunteers and BCC Environmental Studies students have been provided with opportunities in the Conservation Forest.
 - TRAIL BROCHURE: New brochure available. August trail work by Greenagers, funded by LMA.
 - INTERN: Consider getting a LMITF intern primarily responsible for monitoring and working to control invasive plants. Rampant garlic mustard in Forest. For discussion at Future Meetings.
6. THE LAKE MANSFIELD RECREATION AREA & THE UPDATING OF THE OSRP
 - Updated demographics and needs to be reviewed by Master Plan Committee.
 - Public Forum for Draft Review planned for November
7. UPDATES FROM CONSERVATION COMMISSION, PLANNING BOARD, PARKS COMMISSION, TOWN PLANNER, LAKE MANSFIELD ALLIANCE AND OTHERS.
 - PLANNING BOARD: Next meeting 12/13 with continued input re proposed Barrington Brook development. Clarification of their procedure (open meetings until input is completed, then finally closed for Board deliberation.) by S.F Schroeder.
 - MANSFIELD CREST: (R. Dlugosz): The development is in process of voting to extend their restrictive covenants for another ^{two}~~three~~ decades. These prohibit building or altering terrain within 300 feet (instead of legally required 100 feet) from lake shore.

N. Evans, Recording

Attached: Phragmites control at Lake Mansfield: Scope of Services

The Town of Great Barrington seeks proposals and price quotes from licensed professionals for treatment and eradication of *Phragmites* at Lake Mansfield. The area to be treated is approximately 4,000 square feet in area and is located on the eastern bank of the lake south of the outlet stream.

Proposals and prices will reflect the following as an anticipated scope of work:

1. **Permitting:** The area is governed by the Wetlands Protection Act and Natural Heritage Endangered Species Program and a Notice of Intent will be required. The price will assume that the professional will handle the entire permitting process, with the understanding that the Town will cover the filing fee and abutter notifications as required. This will be conducted in the spring of 2013 weather permitting.

Permitting Price: \$ _____

2. **Mapping and Documentation:** The area to be treated will be mapped using GIS software and illustrative photographs taken prior to treatment. This will be conducted in the spring of 2013 weather permitting. Also included will be a lake perimeter survey for other existing stands of phragmites.

Mapping and Documentation Price: \$ _____

3. **Treatment:** Prices will reflect treatment of all (100 percent) stems, and will reflect a two year treatment cycle. Proposers will indicate their proposed treatment method, including the chemicals to be used for treatment and dye. This will be conducted in late summer 2013 (with year 2 in 2014).

Treatment Year 1 Price: \$ _____

Treatment Year 2 Price: \$ _____

4. **Monitoring and Reporting:** Prices will reflect monitoring after the Year 1 treatment to include a follow up inspection and brief progress report to the Conservation Commission in the form of an email. After the Year 2 treatment, the professional will document the program with photos and brief report or memo discussing the process and results.

Monitoring and Reporting Price: \$ _____

Total Price: \$ _____

Proposers will include their full contact information including email, a brief summary of their experience with related work, contact information for references, and names and license numbers of staff who will conduct the work.