

*Approved 3.11.2013  
Christine Ward,  
Chair*

**Lake Mansfield Improvement Task Force Meeting Minutes:**

**Monday January 14 2013 8:30 AM**

**Location: 2nd Floor Meeting Room, Town Hall 334 Main Street, Great Barrington, MA**

**Present:** C. Ward (chair), J. Dezieck, R. Dlugosz, N. Evans, D. Phillips, C. Rembold (ex officio). J. Sokul

**Next Meeting:** 2/11/13, 8:30 AM, Town Hall. To be chaired by R. Dlugosz in C. Ward's absence.

**Prior Minutes:** Minutes of 1/14/13 approved as corrected (Brian Tenney, not Denney)

**Recreation Area Maintenance Updates: (J. Sokul)**

Lake Mansfield Road engineering: Cost not yet known; cost estimates due in February. Chapter 90 funds will mostly be spent on Main Street reconstruction; see what's left after that and the 319 grant work, which is \$40,000 greater than anticipated.

Cross walk/speed hump: unchanged.

**Recreation Area and Updating Open Space Plan and Master Plan:**

Objectives for Lake Mansfield should be listed as such.

Without parking lot improvements there cannot be a trial of making Lake Mansfield Road one way.

Berkshire South report on number of users and safety concerns should be included.

Include mention of the Mansfield Crest restrictive covenants as additional protection for lake.

Goals for Forest include improved parking, bathrooms and handicap access; Conservation Commission to review at their next meeting.

**Community Outreach on 319 Grant:**

LMA, neighborhood invited to potluck hosted by Richard and N. Evans 1/26/13. C. Ward will introduce C. Rembold and briefly discuss LMA. C. Rembold will talk about the grant and the impending work on Castle Hill Avenue. Goals: inform community and respond to questions; increase number of volunteers for LMA tasks.

**Updates from Relevant Bodies:**

C. Ward will contact Mrs. Mann re 319 grant work. Informational mailings will include Simon's Rock, Castle Hill and adjacent (perpendicular) roads out to Alford.

Shoval property has made a new application to Conservation Commission

LMITF and Simon's Rock filed a \$40,000 grant proposal with Massachusetts Environmental Trust for water quality monitoring. Proposal was unfunded but with recommendation to reapply.

C. Ward is writing her annual report to the Select Board. To be included: safety and buffer zone considerations requiring fixing Lake Mansfield Road; need for Parks Commission representative on LMITF.

Conservation Commission will fund and oversee phragmites control at lake.

Nina Evans, Recording Secretary