

*Accepted 3/10/2014
Christine Ward*

PRESENT: C. Ward (chair), J. Dezieck, R. Dlugosz, N. Evans, D. Phillips, K. Plungis, C. Rembold (ex officio)

NEXT MEETING: Monday, 3/10/14, 8:30 AM, Town Hall Meeting Room

1. Meeting Minutes for 1/13/14 approved as written.
2. UPDATES:
 - a. MET GRANT: Massachusetts Environmental Trust has invited a full grant proposal (i.e. the second stage of grant awarding) for a combined project of the town with Simon's Rock College for two years of water quality monitoring in Lake Mansfield. If awarded total grant would be in the neighborhood of \$70,000, with about \$30,000 of that for laboratory analyses. Good tie-in with 319 grant. C. Rembold will inform Select Board tonight.
 - b. LMA NEWSLETTER: Articles being currently gathered. In C. Ward's absence for vacation over next two weeks please email completed articles to N. Evans (ninaevansart@verizon.net) for proofreading.
 - c. SIXTH GRADE PLANNED SCIENCE PROGRAM: D. Abrams, HVA, C. Rembold and Chris van Sant working on this. Conservation Commission will be approached about funding the bus rental for field trips.
 - d. PLANNING FOR TOWN FOREST STEWARDSHIP: C. Ward will offer to mentor a high school student. Current intern (J. Dezieck) has done an excellent job of weekly monitoring of Town Forest. Colin Atkins (Americorps) will develop a phenology (study of influence of climate on plant and animal life) course based on Town Forest.
 - e. CHANGING FACILITIES AT LAKE MANSFIELD: Small walled area attached to portalet envisioned; perhaps, with volunteer labor and funds from LMA, could be completed for use this summer.
 - f. FOOD TRUCKS AT LAKE: D. Phillips reported that Select Board has initiated discussion of a proposed town by-law concerning whether/which/when/how many food trucks to have at the lake. It was agreed that if/when road is moved to other side of parking lot that food trucks would pose much less of a risk to children running to buy.
3. PLANNING PHASED APPROACH TO REMEDIATION/IMPROVEMENT IN PARK AREA:
 - a. REVIEW OF LK. MANSFIELD GOALS FROM MASTER PLAN
 - b. DEVELOPING IMPROVEMENT TIME LINE:
 - c. BOAT LAUNCH: Town taking of land is slowly proceeding. First, OFBA (Office of Fishing and Boating Access) has more legal work in relation to clarifying current title. C. Ward will contact Town Manager to request her to ask OFBA to fund (about \$2000) in legal fees.
 - d. KNOB HILL: Proposed improvements (will cost around \$700,000) not currently on any capital plan, perhaps for fiscal '18 or '19; while we could apply for 319 grant funding need to first have town taking of boat launch area
 - e. SHORELINE STABILIZATION: Important to have extensive LMIF discussion about the way this should be achieved, with major input from Shep Evans (Conservation Agent).
 - f. LAKESIDE PATHWAY: Dependent on type of shoreline stabilization.

N. Evans, Recording Secretary