

*approved as written
9/8/2014
Christine Ward*

LAKE MANSFIELD IMPROVEMENT TASK FORCE MINUTES JULY 14, 2014

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

NEXT MEETING: Monday, 9/8/14 at 8:30 AM, Town Hall (Please note that there is NO August meeting.)

MINUTES OF 6/16/14: Approved as written.

UPDATES:

1. CHANGING ROOM AT LAKE: This collaborative project of Parks and Recreation Commission and LMA has been completed. The pea gravel floor will remain rather than being changed to a wood floor. All agreed a beautiful job by J. Sokul's crew.

2. Nearby dead hemlocks to be removed.

3. MET GRANT: Approved for \$30,000 of the total cost of \$75,000. This grant will provide funds for a two-year lake water quality study in collaboration with Simon's Rock College, the town of Great Barrington and Lake Mansfield Alliance.

4. PROGRESS IN OBTAINING BOAT LAUNCH LAND: Chain of ownership still being studied,

5. CONTROL OF INVASIVE LAKE PLANTS BY HAND-PULLING: Betsy McTiernan continues to research this possibility, for which a NOI (notice of intent) would be required; she could be connected to Simon's Rock people studying water quality.

6. SELECT BOARD STRATEGIC PLANNING RE LAKE MANSFIELD ROAD: D. Phillips will set up a full presentation to the Board; Parks/Recreation Commission, Conservation Commission, and Planning Board to be invited. This will be an information-sharing meeting, NOT one in which decisions should be made. Following this meeting there will be public workshops in the fall.

7. TRAIL USE/ MAINTENANCE IN LAKE MANSFIELD FOREST: C. Ward has done some maintenance work at Christian Hill; she reports that more is required. Middle School Greenagers to visit forest and help battle invasive species.

8. DALE ABRAMS' EMAIL: D. Abrams could not be present at this meeting; instead he emailed LMITF members with the following points for discussion:

- a. Emergency Parking Area: Is being (wrongly) used for regular parking; sign prohibiting this to be installed and C. Ward will contact town manager to ask for more police presence and parking tickets for offenders.
- b. Knob Hill runoff: J. Sokul will inspect to look at possible temporary solutions.
- c. Line painting on road: suggested single solid line is not permitted.

N. Evans, Recording Secretary