

LAKE MANSFIELD IMPROVEMENT TASK FORCE MINUTES 11/10/14

PRESENT: C. Ward (chair), D. Abrams, J. Dezieck, R. Dlugosz, N. Evans, B. Nelson, K. Plungis
Ex officio: E. Abrahams, C. Rembold, J. Tabakin

NEXT MEETING: 12/08/14, 8:30 AM, Town Hall

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MINUTES: 10/20/14 approved as written
11/03/14 approved as corrected (final "s" omitted in naming E. Abrahams)

UPDATES:

CASTLE HILL DRAINS SEDIMENT LOAD: Since installation of the new drainage system in August, 2013 for Castle Hill Avenue under the 319 grant, DPW has calculated that 33 tons (!) of sediment has been kept out of the lake. EPA delighted with that result. Preponderance of that sediment is runoff from Fern Hill. Questions raised about applying for 319 grants to reduce sediment both from Knob Hill/boat launch and the parking lot, though latter would be deferred pending final plans for road location/renovation. News release about the efficacy of the new drainage system will be done.

MET GRANT: Water quality monitoring to begin Thursday; Tom Coots has sent QUAP to DEP. Photo op deferred to spring.

NEW SIGNS: In town forest blue and white directional signs put up at trail junctures.

NEW PHRAGMITES: Few small plants observed regrowing near lake outlet. Conservation Commission has OK'd pesticide reapplication, for which a cost estimate is needed. C. Rembold will call JMP to reapply pesticide on the new growth.

NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT: Swings replaced with new set. Jungle gym will not be replaced; deeper mulch around the base will increase safety in case of falls. Mulch piles need to be removed each fall before hard frost.

PROGRESS IN OBTAINING LAND AT BOAT LAUNCH: Still need to meet with owner.

MEETING FOCUS: COMMUNITY PLANNING FOR LAKE MANSFIELD RECREATION AREA

Report to be given to Select Board requesting Support for warrant at Town Meeting approving funds for park design. C. Ward will contact volunteers (D. Abrams, B. Nelson and N. Evans) who, with her, will draft the report, which should include:

1. summary of prior planning, including :
 - Okerstrom-Lang's conceptual design of a linear park, summary of prior related accomplishments (e.g. in water quality, control of invasive species, traffic studies, habitat improvements)
2. summary of necessary issues which design must address:
 - preservation/improvement of habitat, swimmable lake, safety for all users (pedestrians, drivers, fishers, bikers), road renovation/repair
 - permitting and financial implications of various design alternatives
 - summary of scope of work addressing above issues and makeup of appropriate design team: will be done by C Ward, B. Nelson and J. Tabakin

Future outreach should include community meetings in April to inform and get input prior to May Town Meeting

RON DLUGOSZ RESIGNATION: After many deeply appreciated years of service to LMITF and LMA, from the inception of each. New citizen at large needed to be appointed by Select Board.

N. Evans, Recording Secretary

4/13/2015

Approved as
written

Christine Ward