

**Lake Mansfield Improvement Task Force Meeting Minutes      Monday, February 8, 2016, 3:30 PM**  
**Town Hall 2<sup>nd</sup> floor meeting room, 334 Main Street, Great Barrington**

**In attendance:**

- Christine Ward, Joe Sokul, Bill Cooke, Nina Evans, Brandee Nelson, Kathy Plungis, Chris Rembold (ex-officio)
- KZLA team members by phone: Kyle Zick, Danielle Desilets, and Scott Medeiros from Woodard & Curran

**LMITF Business:**

- Minutes of 12/16/2015: Evans moved to approve as presented, Plungis seconded, all were in favor.
- Minutes of 1/6/2016: Nelson moved to approve as presented, Evans seconded, all were in favor.
- Ward said LMA will be issuing its newsletter by April so if anybody has article ideas, let her know.
- Sokul gave a brief update on winter maintenance activities at Lake Mansfield Road.
- Cooke said the Spanish version of Survey #2 is not on the website and it should be. Rembold will check.
- Ward said she and Rembold gave interviews to the Edge and Eagle to increase outreach for the planning effort. The Edge article has been published. CTSB covered the last forum and it is airing on channel 18. Ward also said the school district has helped with outreach to parents and families.
- Ward said Rembold will join the Town Manager's radio show Wed. morning 2/17 and asked another LMITF member to join him on the air.

**MEETING FOCUS:**

- The next forum is scheduled for March 2 at 6:00
- Ward said in addition to the online survey there have been several letters submitted.
- KZLA (DD) reviewed the results of Survey #2 so far. 119 responses have been received as of last Friday.
- Roadway Options: so far, preferences are as follows:
  - A. leave it as is = 16%
  - B. full 2-lane road = 22%
  - C. One-way road = 40%
  - D. Close the road = 22%
- Parking lot options, preferences are so far pretty even across the 4 options:
  - A. 25%
  - B. 22%
  - C. 27%
  - D. 26%
- Boat Launch options, so far: no clear preference. It could be that people like D overall, but want the dock option that is shown in A.
  - A. = 34.5%
  - B. = 20%
  - C. = 18%
  - D. = 27%
- Beach usage options, so far:
  - A. (existing) = 65%
  - B. (less use) = 9%
  - C. (more use) = 26%
- The Task Force asked that each option explore these key themes
  - Impact on Water Quality, Lake Health and Habitat
  - Impact on Safety for all users
  - Impact on Access to and through the area
- Nelson thought that costs would be important also.
- Evans asked that the team identify potential grant sources
- Sokul agreed but said these will still be conceptual options. KZLA agreed. He said with the road there is really no leave as is scenario because at some point you'll need to either repave or rebuild the road. Ward said they should look at drainage and lake health also.

- Sokul thought an Excel spreadsheet that detailed the component items, especially for the roadway options, would be useful.
- Rembold asked KZLA to present preferred scenarios that best respond to the comments we've heard in surveys and forums, as well as their expertise. For example if the boat launch preference is unclear, try to meld them together while meeting those key themes of water quality, safety, and access
- The Task Force asked the KZLA team to look at a parking lot option to leave the parking lot and road in place. Sokul said we thought about that but the difference in grade from the road to the woods is substantial, and it would be tough get stormwater and accessibility options. KZLA will review this option and tell the group whether or not it achieves our key goals.
  
- Cooke said he needs copy for the Shopper's Guide ad. KZLA will send a brief summary this week.
- Next Steps:
  - Leave existing survey #2 open two more weeks
  - KZLA to prepare for Forum 3 and send draft slides to Rembold/Ward one week ahead
  - A 3<sup>rd</sup> survey will follow to be open for March
  - KZLA will follow that with a final report, due late April
  - Outreach still needed to the homeowner and to the pool association.
- Medeiros presented several possible options for the lake outlet, using either an outlet control structure or concrete box culvert. There was a discussion that the lake level should stay at close to what it is now. Medeiros said a structure should allow for flood conditions. Ward said aesthetics will be a concern here.

**Citizen Speak:** None

**Next LMITF meeting:**

- Forum #3 on **March 2 at 6:00** at the Fire Station
- LMITF regular meeting **Mon. March 14**, time to be announced.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Amy Pulver  
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