

Lake Mansfield Improvement Task Force Meeting Minutes: Monday September 12, 2016

Task Force Members Present: Christine Ward, Joe Sokul, Gaetan Lachance , Bill Cooke, Nina Evans, Dale Abrams, Brandee Nelson, Deb Phillips, Chris Rembold (ex-officio), Also: Amy Pulver, Planning Board Admin

Administrative Business:

- Brandee Nelson moved to approve the minutes of June 13th, Gaetan seconded, all were in favor.
- Nina Evens moved to approve the minutes of July 11th, Dale Abrams seconded, all were in favor.
- Updates for DPW, Parks, LMA, Water Quality Testing, Town Planner:
 - Conservation Comm.:
 - GL: Conservation Commission needs to discuss phragmites at their next meeting, particularly the chemical treatment. 9/22 next meeting
 - CW: Water testing at the beach has been good all summer, the water is tested weekly.
 - DPW:
 - JS: New Bear proof container has been ordered. CW: It will be a joint purchase of the Lake Mansfield Alliance and Parks and Recreation.
 - JS: Weight restriction on Lake Mansfield Road passed last month. Signs will be installed. It excludes vehicles over 2.5 tons.

MEETING FOCUS: Lake Mansfield Improvement Planning

Review of July 27 meeting presentation: The KZLA planning team presented the final recommended plan at the Fire Station. The room was full. The presentation focused on the recommendations that will achieve the 3 main goals of environment, safety and access. The consulting team presented the recommendations for the different parts of the recreation area: the boat launch, road, beach parking area, and outlet. There were comments for and against the plan. Comments against focused on costs and opposition to a one-way road. Comments in favor focused on health of the lake and safety of users. There were questions about costs and about the size of the new parking lot. It was pointed out the recommended plan would be eligible for a variety of grants. The Selectboard did not vote or endorse the plan at this point.

Preparing for 9/26 Selectboard Meeting & Vote: The board will be asked to vote on the plan at their next meeting. Task force members should attend. The goals of the meeting were discussed. The task force is seeking an acknowledgement that the process was thorough and that the recommendations are the best solution. Task force members emphasized that they do not think there is room for a two way road that also protects the lake and users' safety.

Citizen Speak Time: There were questions and comments from residents near the lake both in favor and opposition to the recommended plan.

Next Meetings:

Monday, September 26th (7:00 pm) Select board vote on LM Improvement Plan

Monday, October 10th (8:30 am) Lake Mansfield Improvement Task Force

Minutes prepared by:

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