

Lake Mansfield Improvement Task Force Meeting Minutes for Monday October 17, 2016

Task Force Members present: Christine Ward, Joe Sokul, Bill Cooke, Nina Evans, Brandee Nelson, Deb Phillips, Kathy Plungis,  
Absent: Chris Rembold, Gaetan Lachance. Also Present: Amy Pulver, Planning /DPW Admin Asst.

Business:

- Updates for DPW, Parks, LMA, Water Quality Testing
  - DPW
    - i. JS: The bear proof container has been ordered, however some components are backordered.
    - ii. JS for CR: A CPA application for engineering at Lake Mansfield has been submitted.
    - iii. JS: DPW is gearing up for winter.
    - iv. JS: New pervious pavement, which allows up to 250 gallons of water per hour to drain, may be useful in the area of Lake Mansfield.
    - v. JS: This will be Joe's last meeting as he will be retiring
  - LMA
    - i. Trees along the trails in the Lake Mansfield forest had been trimmed
      - JS: Yes, DPW had been notified that these were a public danger and had the Town's contracted tree company come in and remove the hazardous branches.
    - ii. CW noted that the apple trees within the recreation area of Lake Mansfield were also trimmed, but it is unknown who did the work.
      - JS: Will check in with DPW to see if any department did the work.
    - iii. When will the catch basin be emptied?
      - JS: Catch basin cleaning is all done in October.
    - iv. The Lake Mansfield Improvement Task Force will be submitting a report to be included in the Annual Report summarizing the work they've done this year.
    - v. JS: The CPA application for FY18 is for over \$100,000, for engineering and design.
    - vi. CW: Thanking everyone for all their commitment and hard work.
  - Citizen Speak:
    - i. Question: Is Lake Mansfield Road a Town road or a State Road? Does the Town need to follow any specific rules to fix it?
      - JS: Lake Mansfield Road is a Town Road, and the Town typically follows State recommendations.

CW: Reviewed the motion as it was approved:

Motion: That the Town Manager work with the Lake Mansfield Task Force to seek grant funding to support the recommended option.

That the Lake Mansfield Task Force report back to the Selectboard prior to submission of the grant applications; at the completion of additional surveys and studies; at key milestones of the design phase for future decision making points and with the results of grant decisions.

That the Selectboard recognize that the planning process started with the objective of addressing the environmental issues critical to preserving the health of the lake while providing safe access and recreational opportunities; that the study considered cost impacts; that the study considered the impacts on access and traffic; that the study was based on well researched options; that there were extensive opportunities to consider all comments seriously; and that the recommended preferred option is the best way to meet all of the public objectives.

That the Selectboard recognizes that not addressing the disrepair of the road will present serious problems for the lake and impact access to the beach, and that simple repair of the existing road is not feasible given the structural instability of the current road and will not produce beneficial or sustainable long term results.

That the Selectboard recognizes that a narrower road option is critical to preservation of the water's edge and shore line, but the Selectboard hereby directs the Task Force to also study and/or test opportunities such as a two-way road shared by all users, a seasonal sharing of the road, or a plan to alternate the direction of the road.

- OUTLINING NEXT STEPS
  - BN: Perhaps the taskforce should dissolve for a few months until funding is in place.
  - CW: We can discuss at the next meeting.
- DEVELOPING GRANT STRATEGY AND TIMELINE
  - CW: To work on with Chis Rembold
- Next Task Force Meeting: NOVEMBER 14, 2016 / 8:30/ Town Hall

Respectfully Submitted,



Chris Rembold