

Lake Mansfield Improvement Task Force
Minutes of Monday, October 16, 2017 meeting

Present: Dale Abrams (Lake Mansfield Alliance), Bill Cooke (Selectboard), Peter Franck (Citizen at large), Gaetan Lachance (Conservation Commission), Brandee Nelson (Planning Board), Ilana Siegal (Parks Commission), and Christine Ward (Citizen at large).

Staff Present: Shep Evans, Chris Rembold, and Sean Van Deusen

Acting Chairperson Gaetan Lachance called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM at Town Hall.

1. Administrative Business

Abrams moved to approve the minutes of September 11, 2017, Nelson seconded, all were in favor.

2. Lake Mansfield Improvement Planning

- A. Knob Hill Road: Rembold said Mass DEP has not yet made announcements about the 319 grant applications.

Boat Launch: Rembold said the Dept. of Fish and Game, Office of Fishing and Boating Access (OFBA) has returned the fully executed "land management agreement." He said the next step is that they will contact the Town about timeline and design.

Forest Trails: Rembold said a CPA application has been submitted for funds to complete the trail network.

B. Lake Mansfield Road engineering project

The Town's engineers from the firm Woodard & Curran (W&C) were present to give an update and present the baseline plan that has been prepared based on survey and wetland data. Scott Medeiros of W&C said that borings are planned for next week. He said this phase of road engineering is investigating drainage, bank issues, and the right-of-way, to determine how the infrastructure can fit into the space. Medeiros said this is important work that needs to happen whether the road will be two-way or one-way.

In addition the engineering work includes 100% design of the outlet structure.
Evans reminded the task force that Mass DER would be willing to review plans for the outlet structure.

Medeiros presented a project schedule that calls for town input in January or February.

Ward asked if the task force should share the progress with the Selectboard as well.
There was consensus to share the findings with the Selectboard, and after that hold a public meeting for community information and input. In the meantime, the W&C team will share information with staff who can keep the task force up to date.

Depending on the pace of this engineering, it may not be until after Town Meeting that a decision could be made on the preferred road design.

3. Updates from Task Force representatives

Ward said fall trail maintenance led by LMA will begin soon. Leaves are blown off the trail in order to keep a layer of soil from forming on top of the crushed gravel trail surface.

Evans said the weed control Notice of Intent will be filed soon with the aim of doing the phragmites treatments in the spring.

Siegal said the Parks Commission should have the usage report soon that summaries the beach area activities.

4. Citizen's Speak Time
None

5. The next meeting will most likely be Monday November 13. Franck volunteered to chair.

6. Lachance adjourned the meeting at 9:40 AM

Minutes prepared by:

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