

Lake Mansfield Improvement Task Force
Minutes of May 18, 2023 meeting

This meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM, via audio/video teleconference as noted on the agenda.

Present: Dale Abrams, Andy Didio, Cindy Schoenfeld, Christine Ward.

Members absent: Leigh Davis, Bill Meier, Brandee Nelson

Also present: Chris Rembold, Assistant Town Manager / Director of Planning & Community Development

Abrams served as Chair for this meeting.

Administrative Business

Didio moved to approve the minutes of April 20, 2023; Ward seconded.

Roll call vote: Didio-aye, Schoenfeld-aye, Ward-aye, Abrams-aye. Passed 4-0.

Updates & Areas of Concern for discussion

- a. Ward shared the Lake Mansfield Alliance's upcoming events. The events are posted on their website calendar at <https://www.gbland.org/lake-mansfield>. There are volunteer events including clean up days in May and June and fundraising event in August. Yoga is happening at the beach again this summer and people can sign up at the website. She also conveyed thanks to DPW crews for keeping such good care of the park.
- b. Water chestnut. Dale said more removals will happen this year. Volunteers should contact Dale Abrams.
- c. Phragmites. There is some new growth in the lake. Rembold and Didio will follow up with conservation commission to see about funding and permitting. A member of the audience volunteered that if funding were an issue he would happy to make a donation.
- d. Spongy moths. No new information.
- e. Geese. The members agreed there does not seem to be geese activity. Hopefully there will be no nesting geese this year at the beach area.

Lake Mansfield Comprehensive Project:

Rembold said that since the last meeting he has met with abutters of the road, who have been supportive and helpful. He said the Conservation Commission meeting last month was positive. They did not vote yet but he hopes they will approve the permit it on May 24.

Abrams asked about the timetable. Rembold said first the permit is needed, and then grant funds for the road work are still needed. He said that ideally the entire project can be bid this summer and the earliest it construction could start is the late fall.

Members discussed outreach strategies and suggested that boards such as the Selectboard and other Boards be refreshed about the plans. It was also suggested public information session be held. Also, members hoped the signs along the lake road could be updated with the most recent plans or renderings. Rembold will ask the designers if they can provide the images.

Abrams suggested that the sign at each end of the Lake could have a link or QR code the town website where the plans are posted.

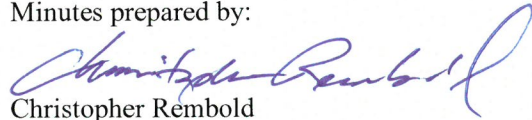
Ward said the August fundraiser could also have a brief update about project and timetable.

Citizens Speak: Members of the audience included Larry Kunstadt, Al and Jaqueline Moorad, and Ken Wishnick. In general, those who spoke expressed their love of the recreation area, appreciation of the task force's work, and willingness to help with funding and volunteering.

Next Meeting: June 20 or 21

Adjourn: Ward moved to adjourn, Schoenfeld seconded. The meeting adjourned without objection at approximately 5:40 pm.

Minutes prepared by:



Christopher Rembold