

Lake Mansfield Improvement Task Force
Minutes of Wednesday, February 27, 2019 meeting

Present: Bill Cooke (Selectboard), Jeff Cohen (Conservation Commission), Ilana Siegal (Parks Commission), and Christine Ward (Citizen at large).

Absent: Peter Franck (Citizen at large), Brandee Nelson (Planning Board), Dale Abrams (Lake Mansfield Alliance)

Staff Present: Chris Rembold, Shep Evans

Acting Chairperson Franck called the meeting to order at 8:35 AM at Town Hall.

1. Administrative Business

Ward moved to approve the minutes of January 30, 2019, Cooke seconded, all were in favor.

2. Updates from Task Force representatives

Ward said the forest trails will see be worked on during the week of April 15. The trails will be closed to the public during this week. The work will complete the accessible loop trail, and make improvements to the spur that goes out to Christian Hill Rd, where crushed stone trail bed is planned to replace the muddy bare earth trail. The trails are funded in part by CPA and GBLC funds and made possible by generous involvement of the landowner who has agreed to allow staging of materials near the trail.

Ward reminded all that Lake Day will be May 5 this year. There will be a grand opening of the completed trail system, lake side clean up, put luck, and chance to discuss the road engineering and recommended improvements.

Cooke said the Selectboard read the draft Lake Mansfield Road memo (attached to these minutes) at its meeting February 25. The Selectboard requested that this Task Force make a recommendation to them.

3. Lake Mansfield Improvement Planning Updates

Members discussed the outreach schedule and timeline for decision making. See attached draft memo.

The following outreach will occur over the next few months. All members will keep their boards informed:

- Cooke will keep Selectboard informed at upcoming meetings.
- Nelson will keep PB informed.
- Evans and Cohen to keep Cons Comm informed.
- Siegal and Van Deusen to keep Parks Comm informed.
- LM newsletter: articles written in February and March, and newsletter issued in April
- Door hangers
- Outreach to news media also to occur during these months
- Farmers market table
- Lake Day May 5th. Presentation/discussion/conversations
- Open houses and community meetings in conjunction with the Open Space and Rec. Plan update

It was decided that the Task Force will meet again late March and again in April. At the April meeting we will be prepared to make a decision / recommendation to the Selectboard.

4. Citizen's Speak Time Mr. Guerrero suggested using the St Peter's Center as a venue.

5. The next meeting will be: TBD

6. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 AM

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