

Lake Mansfield Improvement Task Force
Minutes of Wednesday, January 30, 2019 meeting

Present: Bill Cooke (Selectboard), Peter Franck (Citizen at large), Shep Evans (for the Conservation Commission), and Christine Ward (Citizen at large).

Absent: Brandee Nelson (Planning Board), Ilana Siegal (Parks Commission), Dale Abrams (Lake Mansfield Alliance)

Staff Present: Chris Rembold, Sean Van Deusen

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 November 28, 2018, Cooke seconded, all were in favor.

2. Updates from Task Force representatives

Ward said in April the forest trails will see some upgrades, including the planned accessible loop trail, and some 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.

Ward reminded members that the LM newsletter will go out in April, and the deadline for articles is March 11. Rembold and Franck agreed to work on some articles updating the readers about planning efforts.

Evans said the Town's engineers, working with Mass DEP, have arrived at a good design for the outlet pipe. It will probably go to Conservation Commission in February for approval.

Franck read an email from Nelson sent this morning. She gave DPW credit for keeping the road clear and for paving the outlet end this past fall. She also noted the road is in horrible condition and perhaps it should be closed for the rest of the winter. While members agreed with her sentiments, it was noted we should have been better prepared in advance for this eventuality, and more clear what our options should be. There was no motion made to vote on Nelson's suggestion.

Van Deusen gave a DPW update and said the replacement of the culvert on Christian Hill Road is planned for next year. It carries the lake's outlet stream under the road.

3. Lake Mansfield Improvement Planning Updates

Members discussed how to inform the public and the Selectboard of the important work that has been done over the last 6 – 8 months on possible design solutions for the road. It was decided that in order to apply for grants and to develop a plan for funding, a decision about the design of the road should be made by the Selectboard in June this year.

Rembold will create a timeline/schedule showing progress of work, schedule of grants, and timeline for when design decisions need to be made.

The following outreach will occur over the next few months:

- Rembold to prepare brief summary for representatives to read for their Boards, each month for next few months.
 - Cooke will keep Selectboard informed at upcoming meetings beginning in February.
 - Nelson will keep PB informed beginning in February.
 - Evans and Cohen to keep Cons Comm informed beginning in February.
 - Siegal and Van Deusen to keep Parks Comm informed beginning in February.
- LM newsletter: articles written in February and March, and newsletter issued in April
- Outreach to news media also to occur during these months

- Lake Day May 5th. Presentation/discussion/conversations
- Open houses and community meetings in conjunction with the Open Space and Rec. Plan update

4. Citizen's Speak Time None

5. The next meeting will be February 27, at 8:30 AM. Nelson will Chair.

6. Franck adjourned the meeting at 9:35 AM

Minutes prepared by:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Christy Ann Ruel", is written over a horizontal line.