

Lake Mansfield Improvement Task Force
Minutes of Thursday, March 12, 2020 meeting

Present: Dale Abrams (Lake Mansfield Alliance), Bill Cooke (Selectboard), Brandee Nelson (Planning Board), and Christine Ward (Citizen at large).

Missing: Jeff Cohen (Cons. Comm.), Ilana Siegal (Parks)

Staff Present: Chris Rembold,

Mr. Abrams called the meeting to order at 5:05 PM.

1. Administrative Business

Ward moved to approve the minutes of January 9, 2020, Nelson seconded. All were in favor.

2. Outreach and preparation for Town Meeting 2020

Chris encouraged members to let folks know about the budget request for 100% design funds the road closure design. He said it's proposed to be \$45,000 from the capital budget and \$120,000 from the CPA budget.

He also said there is a citizen's petition article to keep the road open two-way. He said that is purely advisory.

Christine said it is very discouraging to have had a long, well-informed, deliberate process, and a clear decision from the Selectboard, about the road, only to have a petition like this be proposed.

Brandee, Christine, and Dale agreed to work on some public outreach methods to ensure people come to the town meeting and understand the proposals.

3. Lake Newsletter

Christine said LMA is drafting its spring newsletter. It will go out via email, internet, and some in print. She said the focus this year is the electronic versions, which will have the ability to post additional content including photo galleries. She said Lake Day is scheduled for Sunday, May 3.

4. Beach Parking Lot design

Chris said the Engineer will begin design work at the beach parking lot this spring. This is the 604b stormwater improvements planning grant.

5. Aquatic Plants

Christine suggested it was time to update the previous studies about growth of invasive plants in the Lake. She added that the Watershed Based Plan can give suggestions about what to monitor in terms of water quality parameters. All others agreed. Chris said staff will get some prices to do this.

Dale said bottom barriers to create a swimmable corridor across the lake have been discussed. Christine said stopping some plant growth could also lower the levels of certain harmful nutrients/elements in the lake. Chris said he will ask DPW and Conservation about this idea.

6. Updates from Other Boards

Chris said that DPW has solicited prices to address the Conservation Commission enforcement order. He said prices are very high, and we do not have the money to do this.

Brandee suggested if the funding is passed at Town Meeting that will help begin this work.

Chris agreed, but added he will ask the Conservation Commission to extend the time limit of the order.

Dale said the coir logs should be fixed up anyway.

7. Citizen's Speak Time

There was a suggestion for a composting site at the lake and for cigarette butt containers.

8. The next meeting date has not been determined.

9. The meeting adjourned at 5: 50 PM

Minutes prepared by:


Christopher Rembold