

Lake Mansfield Improvement Task Force
Minutes of Wednesday, September 26, 2018 meeting

Present: Ed Abrahams (Selectboard), Peter Franck (Citizen at large), Jeff Cohen (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 Ward called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM at Town Hall.

1. Administrative Business

Franck moved to approve the minutes of August 1, 2018, Abrahams seconded, all were in favor.

2. Updates from Task Force representatives

Ward said a pollinator garden has been planted near the beach.

Franck noted there are a lot of weeds in the lake right now and wondered why. All agreed the task force should discuss a new weed assessment study in the near future.

Van Deusen said he is hoping to have enough funds from another paving project in order to pave the portion of the road over the Outlet pipe. This will create a crown on the road so water can runoff, reducing ponding and winter icing on the road.

3. Lake Mansfield Improvement Planning

- A. The boat launch project is completed except for some tree planting. Members wanted to add more native plants in the buffer zone in the springtime. Abrahams so moved, Cohen seconded, approved 4-0.

Franck said the project is an improvement but the smooth pavement should be a lesson to us. If paving of Lake Mansfield Road happens it will result in a fast and smooth road. All agreed when the road design moves forward the members should pay close attention to the design details and if there are pavement alternatives.

- B. Rembold said the Knob Hill work will start on Tuesday October 9 and should be completed by Thanksgiving. This is funded by 319 grant funds from the EPA through Mass DEP, and by Town funds.

Ward said she and Rembold met consultants with Geosyntec who have been hired by Mass DEP to conduct a "Watershed Based Plan" for the lake. Rembold said this is part of the 319 grant program. It evaluates recent success and plans for future stormwater improvements. Rembold said having a plan like this can help us secure more grant funds for implementation projects in the future.

- C. Van Deusen said the forest trail construction will start in late October and last a few weeks. This is funded by both CPA and Great Barrington Land Conservancy.

4. Citizen's Speak Time none

5. The next meeting will be determined by Doodle poll. Chances are good that it will be on the fourth Wednesday of each month. Cooke will Chair.

6. Ward adjourned the meeting at 9:30 AM

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