

**Lake Mansfield Improvement Task Force**  
**Minutes of Wednesday, November 28, 2018 meeting**

Present: Bill Cooke (Selectboard), Peter Franck (Citizen at large), Jeff Cohen (Conservation Commission), and Christine Ward (Citizen at large), Brandee Nelson (Planning Board), Ilana Siegal (Parks Commission), Dale Abrams (Lake Mansfield Alliance)

Staff Present: Chris Rembold.

Acting Chairperson Cooke called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM at Town Hall.

1. Administrative Business

Cohen moved to approve the minutes of September 26, 2018, Cooke seconded, all were in favor.

2. Updates from Task Force representatives

Ward said she has been doing clean up on the forest trails, which involves blowing leaves off of the trail and picking up downed limbs. She will contact DPW about a fallen tree that is hung up and may be dangerous. She added that LMA is considering how to improve the trail surface on the Christian Hill Rd end.

Cohen said the Conservation Commission meets tonight and it will begin review of the permit to install a larger outlet pipe.

Rembold noted on behalf of DPW that DPW was able to pave the portion of the road over the outlet pipe. This had been discussed in previous meetings.

Siegal said Parks Comm would like to see the rules signage freshened up. Ward said LMA could help repaint / repost if Parks finalizes the rules. Siegal said they would like to have a springtime event at the beach to highlight the upcoming summer season programs, to try to increase participation. She also suggested the parking area spaces be striped so it would be better organized. Rembold suggested the Parks and DPW discuss this or other parking lot options.

3. Lake Mansfield Improvement Planning

- A. Rembold said the Knob Hill Rd project is now on hiatus for the winter season. There is still more work to be done. Some drainage structures are installed and most of the pipe, but the system won't be online until it's all completed. Some water main relocations need to occur first. This will all occur in the spring.
- B. Rembold reiterated the hearing tonight for the Outlet project. He said there are still some details and the hearing likely will need to be completed at the Commission's January meeting.
- C. Ward said the Peter Jensen will begin the Forest Trail work first thing in the spring, before the busy season at the beach parking area. The project is funded by GBLC and the Town's CPA.
- D. Rembold summarized the draft "Watershed Based Plan" which has been prepared for the Town by consultants for Mass DEP, and is required as 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. He said this plan incorporates recommendations of the 2016 comprehensive plan as well as projects recently undertaken.

Task Force members commented on the following aspects:

- The major runoff area at the north end is the beach parking lot. Therefore the suggested improvements near the emergency access area south of the beach should only be needed if the

beach parking area improvements are not done first. Also, if this emergency access becomes a stormwater basin, it will reduce the accessibility of the beach.

- The recommendations for the Pool Club driveway and other private properties should clearly indicate that cooperation of the private property owners will be needed.
- Franck said the recommendations are useful because it gives us a way to continue to work piecemeal while also working towards the final decision about the road. We can make relatively inexpensive improvements in other areas in the meantime.
- The plan should calculate how much runoff comes off the existing road, and compare it to possible future conditions with no road at all or a narrow road. This will also help inform whether a permeable road surface would be a good solution for lake health.

Rembold will give these comments to the consultant. He said the plan will be finalized in the next two weeks.

4. Citizen's Speak Time none

5. The next meeting will be January 30 at 8:30 AM. Franck will Chair.

6. Hearing no further business, Cooke adjourned the meeting at 9:35 AM

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