

Lake Mansfield Improvement Task Force
Minutes of Monday, December 11, 2017 meeting

Present: Dale Abrams (Lake Mansfield Alliance), Bill Cooke (Selectboard), Peter Franck (Citizen at large), Gaetan Lachance (Conservation Commission), Brandee Nelson (Planning Board), Ilana Siegal (Parks Commission)

Absent: Christine Ward (Citizen at large).

Staff Present: Shep Evans, Chris Rembold, and Sean Van Deusen

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

1. Administrative Business

Nelson moved to approve the minutes of October 16, 2017, Abrams seconded, all were in favor.

2. Updates from Task Force representatives

Abrams congratulated the task force for their hard work that makes grants like the Knob Hill stormwater improvement grant possible.

Franck said some citizens were expressing concerns about drug dealing in the parking lot at the beach/forest area.

Lachance and Evans said a Notice of Intent is being prepared so the stands of phragmites can be removed. It would be a 5-year permit once approved by the Commission.

Siegal said the Parks Commission should have the usage report by the next LMITF meeting.

3. Lake Mansfield Improvement Planning

- A. Knob Hill Road: Rembold said Mass DEP awarded the grant to address the nonpoint source stormwater pollution from Knob Hill Road. He said there is engineering to be finalized in the coming few months and the construction would be in late 2018 or 2019. Franck mentioned that if manholes or structures are to be placed in the Lake Mansfield Road area, to pay close attention that these can be integrated into the designs for that area. Rembold said he and Van Deusen will give an update at the next meeting.

Boat Launch: Rembold said the Dept. of Fish and Game, Office of Fishing and Boating Access (OFBA) has visited the site with him and Van Deusen. He said they are using the 6-space concept plan as their basis and they hope to construct the work in the coming calendar year.

Forest Trails: Rembold said a CPA application has been approved by the CPA committee and now must get Town Meeting approval in May. He said work would be in the fall.

B. Lake Mansfield Road engineering project

Rembold said the Town's engineers from Woodard & Curran (W&C) have completed all wetlands and base plan work as well as the geotechnical report. He said the borings did not hit significant ledge, but they did encounter a lot of areas of peat. He said this means the road is essentially floating on a saturated sponge and that is why it cracks so readily. He said W&C will be developing designs now to address drainage and the bank, and they will be designing the outlet structure as well.

The Task Force reviewed the base plans provided and noted where the actual road was not within the Town's right-of-way. In some cases the road is on private property. It is also evident where private owners actually own portions of the edge of the lake. Franck reminded all that the Task Force should invite the abutting owners to a meeting to share our findings with them.

Rembold said W&C will be working on designs over the next month or two and could possibly attend the next meeting.

4. Citizen's Speak Time

Mr. Ryel stressed that a two-way road should be retained because he feels that any change would increase traffic on Christian Hill Road and downtown on Main Street. He said it would be bad for business. He asked when a decision would be made. Rembold stressed that a decision has not been made, and that there was still several months of work to do until we know how the problems with Lake Mansfield road can be solved.

Mr. Guerrero also said a two-way road should be retained.

5. The next meeting will be Monday, February 12, 2018 at 8:30AM. Siegal volunteered to chair.

6. Franck adjourned the meeting at 9:20 AM

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