

Lake Mansfield Improvement Task Force
Minutes of Monday, April 30, 2018 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, Christine Ward (Citizen at large)

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

Acting Chairperson Nelson called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM at Town Hall.

1. Administrative Business

Siegal moved to approve the minutes of March 12, 2018, Franck seconded, all were in favor.

2. Updates from Task Force representatives

Abrams said the spring cleanup day yesterday was a success. There was trail/forest clean up, roadside clean up, planting of flowers, replacing trail signs. Rembold and Nelson were there to answer questions about planning efforts.

Franck said there have been reports of heavy cement trucks using the road. This has been reported to the police.

Lachance said the boat launch plans will be discussed at the May Conservation Commission meeting.

3. Lake Mansfield Improvement Planning

A. i. Knob Hill Road: Rembold said the easements are on the town meeting agenda. Engineers will finalize designs now and can coordinate with the boat launch design.

ii. Boat Launch: Rembold sent the designs to the Task Force by email April 12. The work will be on the Cons. Comm.'s next agenda. The Task Force discussed the design.

iii. Forest Trails: nothing new to report. Town Meeting is May 7, to vote on the CPA project funding.

B. Lake Mansfield Road engineering project

Outlet: Rembold and Van Deusen presented the memo from the Engineers received on April 27 which included the matrix of pros and cons for 3 scenarios for the lake outlet. The Task Force agreed that since deep drawdowns were not proven to be the correct strategy, since permitting a deep drawdown seemed impossible and expensive, and since construction costs would be high, the best option is option 1 which is to put in the larger culvert next to the existing one, leaving the existing in place, and raising/crowning the road in this area so rainwater would not pool on the roadway. Rembold said the designs could be ready for the Task Force to review in mid-June.

Road: Rembold said there was nothing new to review since the last meeting. The Engineers will have additional designs and costs for the next Task Force meeting.

4. Citizen's Speak Time

Mr. Guerrero said the town should consider not paving the road; rather, the pavement should be removed and the road made into a gravel road. Task Force members reminded the audience this would not meet the goals of removing sediments.

Mr. Guerrero said a retaining wall can be considered and boardwalk could be built over the water. Task Force members said these have been considered but are not likely to be permitted or feasible.

Various citizens asked when the Task Force will make a decision about the road. Task Force members said this board is studying the issue comprehensively and will make recommendations to the Selectboard, and the decision will not be made by this group.

5. The next meeting will be in June but a date was not set. Lachance or Ward each said they could Chair, depending on the time of day for the meeting.
6. Nelson adjourned the meeting at 6:20 PM

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