

Lake Mansfield Improvement Task Force
Minutes of Monday, June 25, 2018 meeting

Present: Bill Cooke (Selectboard), Peter Franck (Citizen at large), Brandee Nelson (Planning Board), Ilana Siegal, Parks Commission, Christine Ward (Citizen at large)

Absent: Dale Abrams (Lake Mansfield Alliance), Gaetan Lachance (Conservation Commission),

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

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

1. Administrative Business

Nelson moved to approve the minutes of April 30, 2018, Cooke seconded, all were in favor.

2. Updates from Task Force representatives

Ward said the pollinator garden at the beach park area was installed thanks to middle school volunteers. They planted 100 perennials, learned paddling safety, and cleaned up litter along the shoreline. She also said a diaper station was installed thanks to donated funds. She said trail clearing is underway in the forest. She said beach yoga starts in July and runs M, W, F through August.

Sean said he has sent out quote requests for the trail construction.

3. Lake Mansfield Improvement Planning

A. i. Knob Hill Road: Rembold said he is corresponding with owners from whom easements are needed. He said the engineers are finalizing designs and preparing the NOI.

ii. Boat Launch: Rembold said permitting is in hand but construction is delayed until early-mid July. We will let abutters know.

iii. Forest Trails: quote requests are out, should be received mid-July.

B. Lake Mansfield Road engineering project

Outlet: Rembold said the NOI and final designs are in process.

Road:

Short term issues: There was a review of the June 6 memo and the Selectboard's subsequent discussion of short term fixes. Rembold said the board asked questions about paving just portions of the road, setting jersey barriers, and other items. The board also stated that pothole patching is not a good short term solution. Rembold said he and DPW are working on the answers. Task Force members will discuss a response to the board at a meeting in late July or August. Cooke said the board would then discuss.

Long term issues / engineering:

Scott Madeiros from Woodard & Curran was present with updated information, shown on plans dated June 2018. Rembold said these plans show a possible 18 foot wide corridor, but does not decide whether this is the most desired solution. He said 18 feet is the maximum possible width. He said costs are not yet ready, but can be discussed at the next meeting. He said these plans show the required solutions for drainage, as well as right-of-way and wetland constraints. He pointed out the rock sandwich approach to providing drainage under the road, since the old culverts do not function.

There was discussion about the rock sandwich method including its impact on the shoreline aesthetics, habitat and buffer zone.

Nelson said this shows drastic interventions would be needed.

Frank said this seems all designed for a regular road, and asked if any of this is obviated by a one lane road. Madeiros said if it's a narrower road, you have more space for buffer zones and shore plantings. But you still need the water back and forth under the road, otherwise the road will continue to break apart. If a road is in this space you have to have drainage.

Evans pointed out the removal of old culverts and asked if stream crossings need to be provided. Madeiros said there are vertical constraints. You cannot raise the road that high.

Madeiros said cost estimating is their next order of business. That will be covered at the next Task Force meeting.

4. Citizen's Speak Time none

5. The next meeting will be in July, but a date was not set. A Monday is not preferred by the Engineers.

6. Ward adjourned the meeting at 6:45 PM

Minutes prepared by:

