

LAKE WYOLA ADVISORY COMMITTEE

-Minutes-
For
March 18, 2017

Members Present: John Gorey, Bob Thompson, Catherine Hilton, and Mark Rivers
Guests: Walter Tibbetts and Howard Kinder

Commenced: 9:00 AM

1. The Minutes from the February 18, 2017 meeting were reviewed, edited, and approved.
2. Membership.

Mike met with the Select Board on February 21. They expressed a concern that dam related projects should be sponsored by the Lake Wyola Dam Management committee instead of LWAC. There was also some concern about expanding the Emergency Management Director's responsibilities to include LWAC.

Committee members disagree with the Select Boards position and felt that dam related activities were a natural fit with LWAC. Five of the LWAC members and guests present were on the Dam Management Committee and to the best of our knowledge, that committee was dissolved shortly after the completion of the dam rebuilding project. For some time, the LWAC has been working with the Emergency Management Director and the Dam Keeper on dam related issues such as writing the dam's Operating and Maintenance Manual so there is a natural and productive working relationship.

Mark will attend a future SB meeting to provide background information.

3. Continued development of the Lake Wyola Dam Operations and Maintenance Manual

Progress on the dam Operations and Maintenance Manual is ongoing. Walter completed the first draft of Sections 1 and 2, along with part of Section 3. Committee members are being asked to contribute to the sections on Inspection and Maintenance.

4. Update on Goose Management Activities

Our 2017 Canadian Goose Egg Addling Permit (#LP17-06) was issued on February 21, 2017. Mark will contact the Mass Division of Fisheries & Wildlife to obtain information on other activities that can be utilized to control the lake's geese population.

5. Boat Ramp Signage

Second drafts of two Safety and Boating regulations documents were reviewed and minor edits provided. A short version is intended to be used as a sign for the Randal Road boat ramp covers boating safety regulations that are particularly applicable to Lake Wyola. A

longer version, provide a comprehensive listing of State and local boating regulations, along with Lake Wyola's special safety rules, is intended to be displayed at the association beaches and distributed to lake residents.

Drafts of the current versions is attached.

6. Availability of state funds for town projects

Catherine was interested in learning if there were state funds available for town projects. Mark will contact Terry to obtain his input.

7. Massachusetts Congress on Lakes and Ponds.

Mark will get the agenda for the 2017 conference to determine if subjects relevant to Lake Wyola will be covered.

The next LWAC meeting is scheduled for April 15, 2017.