

WYOLA ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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Minutes of the

June 17, 2017 Meeting

Shutesbury Town Hall

Members Present: Mike Vinskey, John Gorey, Bob Thompson, Catherine Hilton, Howard Kinder and Mark Rivers

Commenced: 9:10 AM

1. The Minutes from the May 13, 2017 meeting were reviewed, edited, and approved.
2. **Report from the May 16th Select Board meeting**

- a. Status of new member

The Select Board approved adding the EMT Director and Dam Manager (Howard and Walter) as permanent committee members. The also decided to merge the Dam Management Committee into the Lake Wyola Advisory Committee to make a committee of eleven members by adding:

- Howard Kinder
- Walter Tibbetts
- Paul Lyons potentially to be asked to serve as Conservation Commission representative
- Richard Brazeau of Leverett
- Mike's term as a member of the Select Board is ending and therefore, this will be his last LWAC meeting. The Select Board will needs to choose a replacement representative
- Mark to contact Walter to see if he is willing to contact Rich to see if he is interested

3. **Status of Committee's Scope**

The new scope was approved by the select board and Catherine will have it added to web.

The purpose of the Lake Wyola Advisory Committee is to serve as a liaison between Town government and the lake community, and to promote the preservation, maintenance, and enhancement of the lake as a natural and recreational resource. Its purview includes protection of water quality from septic systems and other sources of contamination, erosion and runoff control, and dam safety. Its functions include, but are not limited to, regular water quality assessment and oversight of the dam.

The membership of the committee would ideally include one member each from the Select Board, Conservation Commission, Board of Health, and Planning Board; the Emergency Management Director and Dam Keeper; and no more than five members of the Lake Wyola Association.

4. Status of the Locks Pond Culvert

Mark and Bob presented the LWAC letter dated 5/13/2017 to the Select Board which expressed our concerns about the deteriorated status of the Locks Pond Road culvert; requesting the Select Board assist in driving the process.

Since the culvert diameter is at least 10 feet in diameter, Becky will apply for funding under the "Small Bridges" grant program.

5. Report on the 2016 Lake Wyola Dam Inspection

We are waiting for Morris Root to finish 2016 inspection report which is expected to be completed in August

6. Discussion of the Randall Road Boat Ramp project

Discussions related to the Randall Road Boat Ramp were deferred until Terry is available.

7. Update on goose management activities

Bob talked with officer Trangeese from the Mass Environmental police who is adamant that we cannot use a boat to chase the geese. Environment police need a Memorandum of Understanding between Mass Fish and Wildlife and the Mass Environmental Police to permit us to use a boat for harassment.

8. Concern with the State Park

Howard expressed concern that the state park is not adequately doing brush maintenance. Catherine expressed a need to establish a line of communication and will contact DCR to discuss concerns including: Beach-water test results, monitoring wells sampling, overflow parking and septic system concerns.

Meeting ended at 10:00 AM

Next meeting is July 15th