

LAKE WYOLA ADVISORY COMMITTEE

-Draft Minutes-

April 20, 2019 at 9:00 AM

Shutesbury Town Hall

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

Guests Present: John Kinder, Janice Stone, and Tracy McNaughton

1. The Minutes of the March 23, 2019, meeting were reviewed, edited, and approved.
2. Update on activities related to Lake Drive, South Laurel, and Shore Drive road runoff problems

Mark attended COLAP Conference on April 12, 2019. The conference's focus was on Stormwater Management but most of the presentation related to urban environments rather than rural dirt roads. Still, three resources were identified, including:

- Carl Nielsen, CLM, Vice President, ESS Group, Inc. (401.330.1224). He has worked with lake associations that had similar challenges with private road ownership and assisted in receiving funding through 319 grants. The town can use its own effort to address its source of the runoff as a match toward the grant and the grant funds can be used to hire a contractor to do the needed work on the private roads.
- Gyujong Yoo and Henry Barbaro of MassDOT's Stormwater Unit could be a good resource to direct future questions to about stormwater. Their contact information is:
 - Henry L. Barbaro, Stormwater Program Supervisor, MassDOT, Highway Division, (857) 368-8788, Henry.Barbaro@dot.state.ma.us
 - Gyujong (Joe) Yoo, Environmental Analyst, MassDOT, Highway Division, (857) 368-8815, gyujong.yoo@dot.state.ma.us

This information has been forwarded to the Lake Wyola Association President.

- Vermont Transit has developed a manual titled Vermont Better Backroads Manual which provides guidance for reducing erosion and runoff impacts of stormwater on backroads. Below is a link to the manual.

<https://vtrans.vermont.gov/sites/aot/files/highway/2009%20Better%20Backroads%20Manual.pdf>

An update on the activities of the Lake Wyola Association Roads Committee was provided by Tracy. The Association is on the 4th year of a 5 year plan to re-profile the road around the lake. Great Pines Drive is the next road scheduled to be re-profiled, which is planned to take place in 2020, when funding is available. A section of King Road is washed out and has been blocked until repairs can be made.

3. Update on the Status of the Wildlife Habitat Evaluation

The first phase of the Wildlife Habitat Evaluation, known as the "Exposed Bank Evaluation Phase" is complete. The second phase is scheduled for early summer, when plants are growing. It involves

collecting plant and wildlife data needed for the completion of the MA DEP - Detailed Wildlife Habitat Evaluation form (Appendix B).

4. Update on 2016 Lake Wyola Dam Inspection

Maintenance needs identified during the 2018 inspection includes: mortaring/cementing surface cracks in the spillway, moving the seepage monitoring weir and sealing leaks around the sluice valve. It is hoped that the repair work can be scheduled in coordination with culvert repair.

Howard noted that rocks below the dam need to be move to prevent a pool from forming.

5. Update on State Park Water Testing

We have not received historical water test results from the state park. Catherine will repeat the Public Records Request and will contact park officials to remind them of the pre-season monitoring well and surface water tests that are needed.

6. Status of Locks Pond Culvert project

Mark will ask Becky to attend the May 18th LWAC meeting to provide a brief update.

7. Continued discussion on enhancements to the Randall Road Boat ramp

Mark will contact the Select Board to see if a meeting can be scheduled with Doug Cameron, Assistant Director and Deputy Chief Engineer at the Massachusetts Office of Fishing and Boating Access, to explain the program.

8. Goose Egg Addling permit

We received the 2019 permit. Copy attached.

9. Elliott Park Dedication on June 8

10. Emergency Action Plan for McAvoy Dam, Wendell

Walter noted the owner of McAvoy dam is in process of creating an EAP for the dam. Walter has provided input to early drafts of the plan.

Meeting ended 10:30

Next meeting May 18

