

**LAKE WYOLA ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**-Draft Minutes**

December 5, 2020 at 10:00 AM  
Via Zoom

Members Present: John Gorey, Catherine Hilton, Walter Tibbetts, and Mark Rivers

1. The minutes from the October 3, 2020 meeting were reviewed, edited and approved.
2. Review draft of the Storm Water Committee request letter

The fifth draft letter to the Select Board requesting that a Storm Water Runoff Committee be formed was approved. A copy is attached to these minutes. Mark will send it to the Select Board members.

The next LWAC meeting is scheduled for February 20, 2021

Meeting ended at 10:15

Storm Water Committee request letter

December 5, 2020

Dear Select Board Members:

The Lake Wyola Advisory Committee respectfully requests that the Select Board appoint a committee to address storm-water runoff and its associated silt contamination over unpaved roads around town and in the Lake Wyola watershed.

The proposed committee would be an integrated, representative group tasked with addressing the findings outlined in previously funded town investments including the three existing and one draft report, listed below:

- The August, 2005 study titled *Lake Wyola Inventory and Evaluation, Shutesbury, MA* that was prepared by the Natural Resources Conservation Service. This report documented erosion from the banks and streambed of Fiske Brook was partially responsible for sediment accumulation in the lake's north cove as a result of Hurricanes Bertha (1997) and Floyd (1999);
- The January, 2007 study titled *Locks Pond Road and Lake Wyola Subwatershed Stormwater Improvement Study. Shutesbury, MA* prepared by Scott A. Campbell, PE, Department of Conservation and Recreation, Division of Water Supply Protection. This study suggested storm-water improvement measures to help mitigate erosion on the west side of the lake.

- The June, 2019 study titled *Wildlife Habitat Evaluation Report, Shutesbury, MA* that was commissioned by the Shutesbury Conservation Commission and the Lake Wyola Advisory Committee by Stockman and Associates, Adams, MA.
- The 2020 Community Resilience Building Workshop - Summary of Findings

We recommend that membership of the proposed committee include, but not be limited to, representatives of

- The Select Board;
- Conservation Commission;
- Open Space Committee;
- Lake Wyola Advisory Committee;
- Highway Department;
- Emergency Management Team;
- Lake Wyola Association;
- Community Resilience Building Committee.

In addition, an experienced grant writer would be useful, as we envision applying for grants to implement projects recommended by the committee.

Thank you for considering our request. We would welcome an opportunity to discuss with you the challenges facing the town and lake community.

Sincerely,

Mark Rivers, Chair  
Lake Wyola Advisory Committee