

LAKE WYOLA ADVISORY COMMITTEE
-Draft Minutes-

September 18, 2021 at 9:00 AM
Via Zoom

Members Present: Catherine Hilton, Dave Green, Mary David, Eric Stocker, Walter Tibbetts, and Mark Rivers
Guest: Miriam DeFant

1. The minutes from the August 21, 2021, meeting were approved.
2. Committee Membership

Tracy resigned from the committee. While her participation will be missed, we can appreciate her desire to focus her energies towards other volunteer commitments. Mark will send a note to the Town Clerk and Select Board informing them of the membership change.

The committee voted to look for a replacement for Tracy's position on the committee. Their preference is to have someone from the Lake Wyola Association's Board of Directors. Mark will contact the LWA Board to see if a volunteer is available.

3. Status of Select Board's December 5th letter and May 18, 2021, follow-up letter regarding a request for the formation of a storm-water runoff committee.

The creation of a storm water runoff or watershed erosion mitigation committee was discussed at the Select Board's September 14th meeting. The SB's decision was not to form a new committee but rather to see if it is possible to form a joint working group with members of both the LWAC and the ConCom. This will be a discussion item at a future ConCom meeting.

One of the goals of the subcommittee would be to search for sources of funding to pay for the development of a formal erosion control plan. Dave volunteered to contact other lake associations and UMass to see what they have done.

4. Update on Locks Pond Road culvert and dam valve repair.

Work on the culvert replacement is on hold until the utility pole can be moved. A dam inspection is scheduled for this fall.

5. North Cove Upstream Remediation

Dave is attempting to make contact with Beth Lambert, Director of the Division of Ecological Restoration at the Mass Department of Restoration (DER)

6. Update on the Randall Road Boat Ramp Land Management Agreement

Mark will send the attached letter to the Select Board.

7. Goose Management

Mark submitted the Annual Report on Canada Goose Egg/Nest Addling Activities to H. W. Heusmann at the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife via e-mail on 9/28/21. A paper copy was sent via the post office. Sometime this winter, Dave will contact the owners of Ames Pond to see if they would be amenable to egg addling next spring.

The meeting ended at 10:00
The next meeting is scheduled for October 16, 2021.

To: Shutesbury Select Board
From: Lake Wyola Advisory Committee
Re: Repair of the Public Boat Launch
September 20, 2021

Dear Members of the Select Board:

The Lake Wyola Advisory Committee requests that the town enter into an agreement with the Massachusetts Department of Fish and Game to repair the deteriorating boat launch and parking lot at the bottom of Randall Road. The terms of this agreement are as follows:

The state undertakes the necessary repairs using funds appropriated by the legislature. The town pays nothing for these repairs.

In return, the town enters into a land management agreement with the state. The town is already substantially in compliance with the terms of this agreement: provision of parking, open access for fishing and boating, routine maintenance.

The only thing new would be signage. The state would provide a sign or signs, which the town would be required to post, containing the regulations regarding fishing access and a statement that the facility was constructed by the Department of Fish and Game, Office of Fishing and Boating Access.

In the opinion of the Lake Wyola Advisory Committee, such an arrangement would be of enormous benefit to the town. The boat launch is in need of repair and would be an expensive project for the town to undertake.

Attached you will find a draft Land Management Agreement for this project. LWAC urges you to move forward on this project without further delay.

Respectfully,

Mark Rivers, Chair
Lake Wyola Advisory Committee