

**LAKE WYOLA ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**-Approved Minutes-**

September 17, 2022 at 9:00 AM  
Via Zoom and Town Hall

Members present: Catherine Hilton, Mary David, Eric Stocker, Art Keene, John Gorey, Walter Tibbitts, Howard Kinder, and Mark Rivers  
Guest: John Kinder

1. The minutes from the August 20, 2022, meeting were approved.

**2. Storm Water Runoff and Watershed Erosion Mitigation**

**a. Suggestion for state earmark funding request**

The request for an earmark in the FY'23 Supplemental Budget was not successful.

**b. Watershed-Based Plan and Potential 319 Grant funding**

FRCOG is still working on the draft of the "Watershed-Based Plan" which is currently being reviewed by the Department of Environmental Protection. We will have an opportunity to review and comment before it is finalized.

**McAvoy and Ames Pond Dams**

An investigation into the ownership of Ames Pond Dam is ongoing with help from Catherine and the Town Counsel. This is an important issue because whoever owns the dam is also responsible for its operation and maintenance.

Walter is looking into obtaining a copy of the last inspection report.

**3. Boating Safety**

The committee approved purchasing an 18" X 24" sign from Amherst Copy and Design Works that will be installed at the boat ramp. The sign would read:

- Boat Traffic is counter clockwise
- Speed limit is 30 MPH

Mark will look at the boat ramp to see about placement options; either installing it on a separate 4"x4" pole, a steel pole that could be driven into the ground, or possibly attaching it to a tree or existing sign. Mary will check with ConCom to explain our plan and see if they have any issues or concerns.

The goal is to have the sign installed in the spring of 2023.

**4. Concerns Regarding Wakeboard Boats on the Lake**

The ConCom forwarded to LWAC an e-mail that expressed concerns about environment impacts of wakeboard boats on the shoreline. Mark noted that the study that the referenced in the email concluded that shoreline erosion is mainly driven by wind-generated wave energy and if boats operate more than 200 feet from shore, there is no evidence of shoreline degradation. The committee agreed that prohibiting these boats from operating closer than 200 feet from shore was desirable. Mark will communicate this to the LWA membership and have the Association Beach buoys located 200 feet from shore to serve as a visual reminder.

## **5. Safe Access to the Dam**

As the dam is now becoming an unofficial recreational area we discussed safety concerns related to people climbing onto, and swimming off of the dam. Eric will added this to the agenda of a future Select Board meeting.

## **6. Dam Maintenance and Repairs**

Morris Root is hoping to visit the dam in October to review maintenance and repair needs. If Morris is not available, Mark will investigate options for using another inspector.

## **7. Problems with Internet Router at the Town Hall**

LWAC's Saturday meeting coincides with the weekly back-up generator test which turns off the electricity to the internet router located in the downstairs conference room. This results in the Zoom connections being disconnected. The committee voted to purchase a back-up UPS for use at the next meeting.

The meeting ended at 10:10

The next meeting is scheduled for October 15, 2022.