

LAKE WYOLA ADVISORY COMMITTEE
-Approved Minutes-

October 15, 2022 at 9:00 AM
Via Zoom and Town Hall

Members present: Catherine Hilton, Mary David, Eric Stocker, Art Keene, John Gorey, Dave Green, Walter Tibbetts, Howard Kinder, and Mark Rivers
Guests: John Kinder, Glenn Stockton

1. The minutes from the September 17, 2022, meeting were approved.

2. Storm Water Runoff and Watershed Erosion Mitigation

FRCOG has temporarily stopped working on 319 Grant application and is awaiting additional funding from Mass DEP. They expect to be working on it again in November.

Ames Pond Dam

Walter received a copy of the 2016 dam inspection report. The report notes that the dam was considered to be in poor condition with the following deficiencies or potential items of concern:

1. Woody vegetation along toe of the left downstream abutment.
2. Eroded bank area at left upstream abutment.
3. Upstream and downstream embankment walls in poor condition.
4. Animal burrow behind downstream wall.
5. Inoperable low level outlet.
6. Unprotected earthen retaining walls.
7. Dam outlet is unprotected and shows signs of scour.
8. Irregularities in the elevation of the grassed embankment crest.

However, due to its small size (less than 6 feet high) and that it poses no threat to loss of life or property damage should it fail, Office of Dam Safety considers it to be outside of their jurisdiction.

3. Boating Safety

Catherine will be making a prototype of the proposed sign that we will review at the next meeting. The proposed text is:

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

The plan is to attach the boating safety sign to the existing kiosk.

4. Safe Access to the Dam

This subject was discussed at recent Select Board meetings. An informal committee is being formed who would advise the select board on options to make the dam area safer. The committee would include a member of the select board, police chief, dam keepers, and abutters to the dam.

5. Dam Maintenance and Repairs

We still have not had a meeting with Morris Root to review maintenance and repair needs. Walter will contact him again to assess his availability. If he is unavailable, we will look at other options for the next inspection.

6. Lock Pond Rd – Culvert Replacement

All of the project's elements are in place and it is expected to begin in the late summer or early fall of 2023.

The meeting ended at 9:55

The next meeting is scheduled for November 19, 2022.