

LAKE MASPENOCK WEED MANAGEMENT CITIZENS INPUT GROUP
HOPKINTON MA 10748

December 16, 2019

In attendance:

Cynthia Esthimer, Chair
Jaime Goncalves, Vice Chair
Jeff Barnes
Eric Sonnett
Drew Logan, Secretary

Did not attend

John Westerling
David Mitchell

Public Guests

Sabine St Pierre
Walter Garland
John Coutinho, Select Board Liaison

Ms Esthimer began the meeting at 6:01 pm and welcomed the guests by asking if they had any comments or questions.

- Mr Garland asked if all steps would be in place in order to treat with herbicides if needed in the spring.
- Ms St Pierre asked about further approvals needed to treat with herbicides if needed in the spring.

A motion was made and unanimously approved directing the CIG to attend an upcoming meeting of the Select Board to review a similar presentation as was presented at the recent Public Hearing.

A motion was made and unanimously approved directing the DPW to establish a 5 year contract with a vendor for herbicide treatment priced at a per acre cost.

The minutes from the 11-19-19 Public Hearing were discussed and approved without changes.

A discussion about the need to revisit the extended drawdown ensued. The Group expressed a sense of urgency in exploring all avenues in order to reintroduce the ability to conduct the extended drawdown next year.

The group discussed 2 recent articles in the Hopkinton Independent and several inaccuracies that were included therein. A motion was made and unanimously approved that the Group would not respond to these articles.

A motion was made and unanimously approved that the Group maintains it's previously stated position of directing the DPW to perform all tasks necessary in order to be in a position to spot treat Lake Maspenock with herbicides next Spring if needed.

A letter will be written by Ms Esthimer to Mr Westerling confirming this position and the steps that need to be taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:43 pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Drew Logan, Secretary