LAKE MASPENOCK WEED MANAGEMENT CITIZENS INPUT GROUP

HOPKINTON MA 10748

January 7, 2020

In attendance:

John Westerling, DPW

Cynthia Esthimer,Chair

Jaime Goncalves, Vice Chair

Jeff Barnes

Drew Logan, Secretary

Did not attend

Eric Sonnett

David Mitchell

Public Guests

None

Ms Esthimer called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Mr Westerling updated the group on two topics

* Shaun McAuliffe, BOH has been working with a drilling company and there is confidence the current Spindle well can be drilled lower by an additional 1’ (one foot).
* Town Staff met to review the recommendation of the CIG to be prepared to utilize herbicides next Spring if needed.    They are currently evaluating this recommendation.

It was noted that timing is important as the permitting process for herbicide usage needs to begin no later than end of January.    The Group decided that hiring Solitude Lake Management to complete permitting was the best approach.    Mr Westerling will confirm that there is no potential conflict of interest with this approach.   A secondary approach is to have the Town complete permitting with David Mitchell’s assistance.  Permitting will be done independently and in parallel to the bidding process for the actual work.

The bid process for the work will take 8 weeks to complete and the town can only enter into contract for maximum of 3 years.    The Group originally requested 5 years.   A signed contract for the work needs to be completed by June 30th such that current fiscal year funding may be applied.

Minutes from 12/16/19 meeting were approved.    Ms. Esthimer will provide all past minutes to Mr Westerling such that they can be posted to the Town website.

A motion was made and accepted that the meeting adjourn after the subsequent update to the SelectBoard which was completed at approximately 8:00 pm

Ms Esthimer and Mr Westerling provided a brief update to the SelectBoard on current status and CIG recommendation to be prepared to utilized herbicides in Spring if needed.

All 3 SelectBoard members in attendance were vocally supportive of the Group’s efforts and recommendations.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Drew Logan, Secretary