

DRAFT MINUTES DECEMBER 13, 2021

In attendance;

John Westerling, DPW Director

Joe Baldiga, Chair

Eric Sonnett, Vice Chair

Jeff Barnes, Conn. Comm.

Cynthia Esthimer, Secretary

Paula Garland, Resident

David Mitchell, Consultant

1. Meeting was called to order by Joe Baldiga at 5:00 PM.
2. Minutes if the October 28, 2021 meeting were unanimously approved as written.
3. On last meeting's action items;
 - Joe confirmed that Drew Logan will be able to present at the Select Board's meeting (date not determined yet).
 - Cynthia had spoken to Town Health Director, Shaun McCauliffe, who has an understanding of aquatic herbicides use and sees no public safety issue to use in Lake Maspenock.
4. David encouraged that we do more public education on weed management and herbicides as an option. He pointed to the wholistic health of the lake and watershed management as important environmental education for residents.
5. Jeff encourages more outreach for a broader buy in to the weed management decision making process.
6. Eric agrees that we need to reach more people.
7. David pointed out that he will not be available from February through March, 2022.
8. Action items for the next meeting;
 - Cynthia will send Paula the public resource list she compiled.
 - Paula will speak to the LMPA about their education efforts.
 - John will check if the Library or Senior Center is available (note: now all meetings are currently on Zoom).
 - Jeff and Cynthia will look into 'best practices' of living near or on the lake.
 - Joe will talk to Norman Khumalo, Town Manager.
 - Cynthia will work on a new Public Forum notice.
 - We all will think about a Fact Sheet for the public.
9. Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 20 at 5 PM via Zoom.
10. Meeting was adjourned at 5:40 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Cynthia Esthimer.