

Hopkinton Citizens Input (CIG) Group Meeting (via Zoom)
September 19, 2022

Minutes

In attendance:

John Westerling, DPW Director
Joe Baldiga, Chair
Jeff Barnes, Conservation Commission
Dave Mitchell, Certified Limnologist
Eric Sonnet†
Paula Garland
Drew Logan

Guests:

Don Kaiser
Carol Esler

- Minutes from the June 22, 2022 were approved unanimously
- Welcome to new member of the CIG, Paula Garland
- August 25, 2022 Lake Survey results were discussed
 - Good conditions for sampling, clear water
 - Water level approx 15" low, water clarity, low precipitation – good conditions for weed growth
 - Top species: Naiad, tapegrass, variable milfoil, long leaf pondweed (in order of abundance)
 - Much denser, heavier concentration compared to spring. Moderate to moderate/heavy found in north basin.
 - Drawdown has not been effective alone in controlling weed growth, another treatment option should be considered
- Discussion about treatment options ensued
 - Mr Baldiga suggested herbicide treatment
 - Mr Logan suggested mechanical harvesting be considered
 - Many drawbacks to mechanical harvesting were discussed such as disposal, cost and effectiveness
 - Guest, Ms Esler suggested a new herbicide be researched. Mr Mitchell will research.
 - Solitude would be a company to speak with in terms of budget and cost estimates
 - Mr Esler asked about the 3 year extended drawdown cadence
 - DPW will apply for extended drawdown during next ConComm meeting
 - Group agreed to get some estimates for mechanical harvesting and herbicide treatment ASAP
- Next Meeting was scheduled for October 11 at 5:00 pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Drew Logan