

LAKE MASPENOCK WEED MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL  
ADVISORY GROUP  
HOPKINTON MA 01748

Minutes April 8, 2021

In attendance;

John Westerling, DPW Director

Cynthia Esthimer, Chair

Eric Sonnet, At Large

Jeff Barnes, Con. Com.

Joseph Baldiga, At Large

David Mitchell, Certified Lake Manager

5:45 PM Ms. Esthimer opens the meeting

5:50 PM Dr. Mitchell discusses his draft revisions to the Five Year Plan. The Plan is due this year for revision and updates. Highlights of changes discussed by the Group were;

- Phosphorous and Nitrogen levels have remained much lower over the last ten years. Watershed management has improved.
- Detailed data on vegetation is deemed important to include in the report. Maintaining data shows trends after extended drawdowns and what changes occur over time.
- All ten Lake Zone areas will remain on the map although five Priority Zones will be closely monitored during lake surveys.
- Zones will be classified as High Priority, Mid Priority or Low Priority, for example, recreational areas like the beach are a High Priority. Certain zones will be deemed no management areas.
- Include a place to document abnormal changes observed during Lake Surveys.
- New herbicide info sheets will be added in the Appendix.
- Once approved by vote, the Five Year Plan will be presented to the Select Board

Other matters discussed were;

- Annual inspection of watershed management. The Advisory Group noted that this has been greatly improved.
- Create a 'Best Practices Info Sheet' for all Hopkinton residents for fertilizer, drainage, plantings, etc. that are healthy for the lake environment. The LMPA already has a packet of info for new home owners. Educate the larger community beyond waterfront property owners.
- Consult with the IT department for enhanced mapping of the lake area.
- Prepare an 'Annual State of the Lake' forum or a flyer insert to the Independent and Hop News.
- Print and present the Five Year Plan updates to the Select Board.

The next meeting will be held on May 5 at 5:30 PM. At that time, new officers will be nominated and voted in.

7:15 PM Meeting adjourned.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Cynthia Esthimer