

MINUTES JUN 21, 2021

In attendance;

John Westerling, DPW Director

Joseph Baldiga, Chair

Eric Sonnet, Vice Chair

Cynthia Esthimer, Secretary

Drew Logan

David Mitchell, Consultant

Absent;

Jeff Barnes, Con. Comm.

1. Chair Joseph Baldiga opened the 'in person' meeting at 5:02 PM.
2. The May 13, 2021 minutes were approved as written.
3. Dr. Mitchell gave an update on the spring lake survey. The usual areas of large leaf pondweed were observed. Nyad has died back some. Less fanwort, tape grass and milfoil were present. All these observations tend to be typical in the spring survey. At this point, the extended drawdown has had a beneficial effect to retard weed growth.
4. The final review of the Five Year Plan was unanimously approved by a vote.
5. John Westerling and Drew Logan will make a brief presentation to the Select Board on July 6, 2021 pending room on the agenda. The intent is to inform new Board members of the Advisory Group's work and to give the Board a snapshot of the lake's condition now and how the vegetation growth might change over the summer.
6. The Five Year Plan revision for 2021-2016 will be presented in full to the Select Board by the Advisory Group after the late summer lake survey findings along with any possible budget requests. A hard copy will be distributed to the Library.
7. The Group discussed writing the 'State of the Lake' letter to all Hopkinton residents to be published locally. Subject matter will include a brief history, weed management efforts, and new developments as a means to encourage public involvement in lake benefits and management. An emphasis will be to widen the interest in the lake Town wide. Cynthia will work on the draft of this letter asap.
8. The late summer lake survey will be held on Thursday, September 2 at 8:30 AM. The survey need not be posted as an open public meeting as the individuals performing the survey will not discuss Advisory Group matters.
9. The Chair adjourned the meeting at 6:03 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Cynthia Esthimer