

LAKE MASPENOCK WEED MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL ADVISORY GROUP

HOPKINTON MA 10748

MINUTES JANUARY 20, 2022

In attendance;

John Westerling, DPW Director

Joe Baldiga, Chair

Jeff Barnes, Conn. Comm.

Cynthia Esthimer, Secretary

Drew Logan, LMPA Rep, Resident

David Mitchell, Consultant

Paula Garland, Resident

Spencer Loveland, Guest Resident

1. Meeting was called to order by Joe Baldiga at 5:00 PM.
2. Minutes of the December 13, 2021 meeting were unanimously approved as written.
3. Discussion about Paula Garland's admittance the Advisory Group led to review of the Select Board's charge. No determination of her future status has been determined yet as there are a few steps to cover first.
4. Cynthia stated that Shaun McAuliffe, Health Director, will join public forum and Select Board meetings.
5. Abutter letters will be prepared by John's Dept..
6. The Group will prepare a Fact Sheet to clarify misinformation.
7. Dave has spoken with the new Conservation Agent, Kim Ciaramicoli to share understanding of the best way to proceed with filing a NOI.
8. Jeff discussed the intention of streamlining the NOI process by including the broader spectrum of treatment options in the documents. The intent would mean that the Advisory Group's recommendations to John would initiate the previously approved NOI with multiple management options. The Advisory Group would then go to the Conservation Commission with a specific treatment modality (for example, mechanical harvesting) for approval every March. The drawdown would automatically be included every year.
9. Joe made a motion to move the NOI along to be ready to go to the Con Comm by early March for determination in late March. Motion was approved unanimously.
10. Spencer Loveland requested consideration of treatment on the north side of W Main St. The Group decided to add that area as a GPS station to be monitored and included in reports.
11. The Public Forum will be postponed till after the Con Comm's determination.
12. Jeff explained the MDS info sheets on liquid chlorine he distributed to the Group. He pointed out that chlorine can be toxic if not applied correctly. This comparison of a common household cleaning product to aquatic herbicides may help demonstrate that proper handling of chemicals render a product safe to use appropriately.
13. Next meeting will be via Zoom on Tuesday, February 22 at 5 PM.
14. Meeting adjourned at 5:56 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Cynthia Esthimer