

LAKE WYOLA ADVISORY COMMITTEE
-Minutes-

October 7, 2017 AT 9:00 AM

At

Shutesbury Town Hall

Members Present: Catherine Hilton, John Gorey, Howard Kinder, Walter Tibbetts and Mark Rivers

Guest: Cheryl Holmes, Tim McKinney, Arlene Clarke, Ashley Fogle, Judy Rimmel, Jennifer Wallace, Fred Hartwell, Bob Blanchette, Al Collings

Al Collings, President, Bylaws and Lake Management planner at the Lake Wickaboag Preservation Association in West Brookfield, Massachusetts, provide an overview of their efforts to improve the water quality of the Lake Wickaboag by removing sediment accumulation that had cause excessive weed growth and algal blooms, and depleted the lake's oxygen level. In addition to improving water quality, they are expecting to see other benefits including:

- Improved water clarity;
- Removal of over-nutrient sediments;
- Re-establishment of fish and wildlife habitat;
- Eradication of nuisance weed; and
- Reversal of eutrophic conditions
- Improved property value and tax revenues for the town

Meeting ended at 11:00