

LAKE WYOLA ADVISORY COMMITTEE

August 18, 2018 at 9:00 AM
Shutesbury Town Hall

1. Members Present: Bob Thompson, Howard Kinder, Walter Tibbetts, Catherine Hilton, Terry Smith and Mark Rivers
Guest: Bob Douglas, Janice Stone
2. The Minutes from the July 21, 2018 meeting were approved with edits.
3. Update on Lake Drive and South Laurel road runoff

The committee reviewed three areas of the lake where a significant amount of silt has been flowing into the lake; including Great Pines and Lake Drives, Wendell and South Laurel Roads, and Shore Drive. The group discussed short-term actions to temporarily reduce sediment loading and the need for long-term, more permanent solutions.

During the last three storms, the equivalent of truckloads of sand were washed down Great Pines and Lake Drives into the lake. The road levels are below the adjacent properties causing rain water to be concentrated and channeled within the roadway instead of gradually shedding down side roads, grassy areas and wooded lots. Gravel needs to be added to Great Pines and Haskins Way. The roads then need to be re-graded so that small amounts of water can be distributed at many points.

Similar runoff/silting is occurring as channeled water from Wendell Road flows down South Laurel causing significant damage to shoreline.

A meeting with the Officers of the LWA is tentatively scheduled for 8/23/18 to review the problems and determine if the Association has resources to contribute.

Action Items:

- a) Determine sources of funding for material (gravel), heavy equipment to grade and expertise to operate the heavy equipment.
 - b) Schedule a meeting with LWA Officers
 - c) Determine who can apply for a 604b grant for non-point Source Water Pollution Assessment & Planning [Clean Water Act (CWA) Sect 604b].
 - d) Contact FRCOG to see if they know of funding/grant options
 - e) Determine if the siltation qualifies for an Emergency Certification
 - f) Repair the clogged turnouts on Wendell Rd. to enable water to naturally soak into the adjacent wooded areas
 - g) Schedule a meeting with the Select Board, Conservation Commission, LWA and LWAC to review the situation and develop solutions.
4. Update on Lake Wyola cove restoration

At this time, \$15,000 from the LWA and \$5,000 from CPC has been earmarked for the design phase; however the project needs another \$10,000 before design work can begin.
 5. Continued discussion on enhancements to the Randal Road Boat ramp

No updates are available.

6. Update on State Park Water Testing

No updates are available.

7. Update on Notice of Intent for the Fall drawdown

Per a conversation Mark Stinson, Wetlands Circuit Rider for the DEP Western Region (413-755-2257) with Mark Rivers on 8/15/18, the 2-foot annual draw down does not qualify as an Ecological Restoration Limited Project and therefore, we need to have a "Wildlife Habitat Evaluation" included as part of the Notice of Intent (310 CMR 10.60). Mark Rivers will work on getting quote for the evaluation.

8. Update on 2016 Lake Wyola Dam Inspection

Walter met with Morris Root who is working on detailed scope of work for the dam repair which includes sealing of outflow pipe and spill way, and repositioning the leakage monitoring weir.

9. Status of Locks Pond Culvert project

We are waiting on a State grant to begin the project.

10. Update on Boat Ramp Vegetation Maintenance.

On July 26th, Mark met with Barry Field and Russ Mizula of the Conservation Commission and confirmed that they have no objection to trimming excessive vegetation along the sides of the boat ramp that is constricting trailer access to the water. No special paperwork is required.

11. Well Water Testing Program

On August 26th the Lake Wyola Association will be sponsoring a well water testing program. Sample containers can be picked up at the Association hall in the morning. Water samples should be returned in the afternoon and will be delivered to Howard Lab on Monday.

The meeting ended at 10:30