

LAKE WYOLA ADVISORY COMMITTEE
-Draft Minutes-

August 21, 2021 at 9:00 AM
Via Zoom

Members Present: John Gorey, Catherine Hilton, Dave Green, Mary David, Eric Stocker, Walter Tibbetts, and Mark Rivers
Guest: Miriam DeFant

1. The Minutes from the July 17, 2021, meeting were approved.
2. Boundaries separating LWAC from LWA

Tracy expressed concerns that within the community, there is confusion regarding the roles of our committee (Lake Wyola Advisory Committee) and the Lake Wyola Association. LWAC tries to stay within its defined scope which is listed on the Shutesbury Web Site. One opinion is that LWAC is the conduit for residents' concerns/issues with the town. Mark noted that while LWAC can help to direct questions and concerns, ultimately residents need work with the groups that have the authority including the police, building inspector, conservation commission, planning board, etc. If the concerns involve Lake Wyola Association roads and beaches, they should be sent to the LWA.

Catherine proposed that a subject of defining roles and responsibilities of LWAC be included as future committee discussions.

3. Status of Select Board's December 5th letter and May 18, 2021 follow-up letter regarding a request for the formation of a storm-water runoff committee.

The storm water runoff issue is scheduled to be on the Select Board's September 14th agenda. LWAC goal is to have the town establish a committee that will work toward the development of a plan to reduce the effects of storm water erosion. Dave and Tracy will prepare a summary of the situation.

Mariam proposed that the Conservation Commission work with LWAC to research and apply for grants. Potentially, a team (subcommittee) would be formed with representatives from Conservation Commission, LWAC, and others in town who have expertise.

4. Update on Locks Pond Road culvert and dam valve repair.

The final plans are still in development. The selected contractor is MAS Bridge and Building, The work is expected to begin around September 8th, and end around October 31. The road is anticipated to be closed for 3 1/2 weeks (possibly longer) during the early phase of construction. Currently there is no plan to draw down the lake.

No updates on the dam repair were available.

5. North Cove Upstream Remediation

Terry suggested that we contact the Mass Department of Restoration (DER). Possible contacts include:

- Beth Lambert, Director of the Division of Ecological Restoration.
- Carrie Banks, a local DER staff person serving Western MA.

David attempted to contact Beth (via telephone) initially to learn more about the program and avenues to help with initial project analysis, and grant application for this coldwater fisheries restoration project. He has not heard back from her and is looking for her e-mail address.

6. Randall Road Boat Ramp

Eric proposed that LWAC prepare a letter that details our recommendation and send it to the Select Board. Catherine volunteered to draft a letter and the committee agreed to send it as soon as possible.

7. Goose Shooting

Concern was expressed about the shooting of geese at the lake this summer. The shooters were from USDA, and they were hired by a lake resident who did not have the authority to do so. This is being investigated. Committee members suggested that we develop a formal procedure that would be followed in advance of future culling, if any.

8. Review of recent *E.coli* test data

E coli data will be added to the LWAC webpage and Mark let the LWA board know where the latest information can be located.

The meeting ended at 10:15.

The next meeting is scheduled for Sept 18, 2021.