

LAKE WYOLA ADVISORY COMMITTEE
-Approved Minutes-

March 25, 2023, at 9:00 AM
Hybrid Meeting

Members present: Catherine Hilton, Mary David, Terry Smith, Eric Stocker, Howard Kinder, and Mark Rivers

Guests: John Kinder,

1. The minutes from the February 18, 2023, meeting was approved.

2. Dam Inspection, Maintenance, and Repairs

The town received the Phase 1 Inspection/evaluation report. The report concluded that the dam is in good condition but needs the following maintenance and repairs performed:

- a. Repair grout surrounding the PVC liner in the low-level outlet.
- b. Move the seepage monitor to a location where it will function properly.
- c. Patch and/or repair small concrete defects.
- d. Seal horizontal construction joints in the concrete
- e. Replace the existing trash rack with one that is easier to maintain.

The Committee voted to recommend to the Select Board add a recurring line item to the budget of \$25,000/year for ongoing dam inspection, maintenance, and repairs. Mark will draft an e-mail and send it to the town administrator and Select Board.

3. Storm Water Runoff and Watershed Erosion Mitigation

No activity this month.

4. Notice of Intent for the Annual Winter Lake Lowering

A number of permits will be needed in order to obtain approval for a 2-foot annual winter drawdown. LWAC is recommending that the town hire an engineering firm that is knowledgeable in all aspects of small dam repair and permitting, including completing the:

- Notice of Intent
- Wildlife Habitat Evaluations
- Natural Heritage and Endangered Species permitting
- Chapter 91 permitting

Terry is recommending that the Wildlife Habitat Evaluation that will be required for the Notice of Intent include the lake's entire shoreline so that the document could be used as a public record available for all lake residents.

Mark volunteered to contact Becky to see if she could use help from LWAC to write the RFP.

5. Boating Safety Signage at the Boat Ramp

Mary reported that the ConCom voted to approve LWAC's request to add a safety sign, with the stipulation that it be on its own post instead of attaching it to the kiosk. Catherine volunteered to have the sign made.

6. Lake Wyola Dam Study Group

The Study Group provided their recommendations to the Select Board. No further actions have been taken.

7. Chapter 91 Dock License

Terry noted that there are several types of dock license applications. One known as the "Simplified Application" which should be the easiest version to complete is, in fact is, not. If your dock is not wider the 4 feet and has a total area that is less than 300 square feet, you can use an easier version.

Terry offered to help to explain the application process to the ConCom and Mark volunteer to document it for other dock owners.

The meeting ended at 10:05

The next meeting is scheduled for March 18, 2023.