

LAKE WYOLA ADVISORY COMMITTEE
- Minutes-

April 15, 2023, at 9:00 AM
Hybrid Meeting

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

Guests: John Kinder and Miriam DeFant

1. The minutes from the March 25th, 2023, meeting were approved.

2. Dam Inspection, Maintenance, and Repairs

The committee reviewed and voted to approve the Scope of Work for the RFP to hire a new dam engineering company. Mark will send it to Becky so that she can convert the scope into an RFP. A list of companies was provided by Morris Root.

Morris is scheduled to complete the 2023 inspection in May.

Miriam requested that Morris provide an opinion on the necessity of a winter drawdown.

The following FY 2024 budget request was sent to the Select Board on April 14, 2023:

With the upcoming retirement of Morris Root, the dam engineer who has historically performed the Lake Wyola dam inspections, the town will need to hire another engineering firm to replace Mr. Root. Accordingly, the Lake Wyola Advisory Committee is recommending that the Select Board add a recurring line item to the annual town budget of \$25,000/year for ongoing dam inspections, maintenance, repairs and permits.

3. Egg Addling Permit

Mark noted that because goose nests were not located during the past three years, he was not going to apply for the addling permit this year. Based on this year's geese population, we can reevaluate the need for a 2024 permit.

4. FRCOG Watershed-Based Plan

FRCOG completed an initial draft of the Watershed-Based Plan and sent it to ConCom for review. Mark will contact FRCOG and request a copy that LWAC could review.

5. Boating Safety Signage at the Boat Ramp

Catherine noted that the sign is being manufactured.

6. Lake Wyola Dam Study Group

The Study Group provided the Select Board with their recommendations which included limiting access to the dam. The Select Board scheduled to review it during their April 25th meeting. No further actions have been taken.

7. Schedule for Culvert Replacement

The closure of Lock Pond Rd over the culvert is scheduled to begin on July 10, 2023. Mark will forward the schedule to the committee as soon as he receives a copy.

The meeting ended at 10:25

The next meeting is scheduled for May 20, 2023.