

# LAKE WYOLA ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## *Draft Minutes*

October 19, 2024, at 9:00 AM  
Via Zoom and at the Town Hall

Members present: Catherine Hilton, Walter Tibbetts, Howard Kinder, John Gorey, David Green, Art Keene, and Mark Rivers. Guests: Tracy McNaughton, Tom Siefert, John Kinder, and Jennifer Wallace

1. The minutes from the August 17, 2024, meeting were reviewed, edited, and approved.
2. Committee Communications

Mark will contact Grace to request that all e-mail that are sent to [lwac@shutesbury.org](mailto:lwac@shutesbury.org) will be automatically forwarded to the committee members.

3. Lake Wyola Stormwater Erosion Task Force (presentation by Jennifer Wallace)

Instead of identifying specific location or roads where stormwater runoff is resulting in excessive erosion into the lake, the task force is identifying the various “drainage systems” which could consist of multiple roads and properties, both of which could be privately and publicly owned. During multiple site visits they have identified the most problematic drainage systems that need to be updated. They will then identify possible funding sources and the responsible parties who could implement the recommendations. Finally, they will make recommendations to LWAC, LWA, and ConCom; incorporate their feedback; and make a presentation to the Select Board.

4. Update on the 2024 Notice of Intent and 2025 Dam Repair

### Chapter 91 license

The Chapter 91 Office regulates changes to dams and the water surface level of Great Ponds, but unlike MassWildlife, they are not actively concerned about drawdowns. GZA has submitted an exemption request to the Chapter 91 office to allow for the continued management of the lake level year-round, as has been the practice of the Town for decades.

The Chapter 91 office will be reviewing the submitted material and form an opinion. The next step is to request that the ConCom extend the current Order of Conditions for 1 year.

### Dam Repairs

GZA’s engineering group is working on a scope and cost estimates for needed dam repairs. We are hoping to have those funds included in the FY25 budget.

The gatehouse recently had a new roof installed to repair the existing leaks

## 5. FRCOG Watershed-Based Plan

The final Lake Wyola Watershed-based Plan (WBP) has been approved by MassDEP. It has been sent to interested parties in town, and it is also posted on the Massachusetts Accepted Watershed Based Plans site:

<https://prj.geosyntec.com/MassDEPWBP/Account/AcceptedPlans>.

Becky Torres has requested that FRCOG staff make a presentation on funding options for the stormwater-related projects to the Town's Stormwater Erosion Task Force.

LWAC members agreed to read the report, and we will discuss it at our next meeting.

## 6. Boating By-law Taskforce

The Select Board has formed a task force to review the existing Lake Wyola boating bylaws. The committee voted to recommend that Dave Green be appointed as a member of the Taskforce.

## 7. E. coli testing

E. Coli testing is completed for the year. No "over the limit" readings were obtained. The state has a website that has data from the state beach. Next year we plan to include a link to that site on the town's website.

The meeting ended at 9:45 AM  
Next meeting is on November 16