

LAKE WYOLA ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes

November 15, 2025, at 9:00 AM

Via Zoom and at the Town Hall

Members present: Catherine Hilton, Howard Kinder, Walter Tibbetts, Leonard Czerwonka, Tom Siefert and Mark Rivers

Members remote: Art Keene, and Bob Douglas

Members absent: Terry Smith, John Gory, Eric Stocker

Guests: John Kinder

1. Approval of Previous Minutes

The minutes from September 20, 2025, meetings were reviewed. Walter moved to approve. Catherine seconded the motion. The motion passed via roll call vote noted below.

LWAC vote to approve the September Minutes			
	Yes	No	Abstain
Leonard Czerwonka	x		
Bob Douglas			x join meeting after the vote
John Gorey	x		
Catherine Hilton	x		
Art Keene	x		
Howard Kinder	x		
Mark Rivers	x		
Tom Siefert	x		
Terry Smith			x
Eric Stocker			x
Walter Tibbetts	x		

2. Committee Membership

Based on previous committee discussions, Mark proposed the following revised committee membership definition:

The membership of the committee would include:

- One member from the Select Board
- One member from the Conservation Commission
- One member from the Board of Health
- One member from the Planning Board
- The Emergency Management Director
- The Dam Keeper
- Additionally a minimum of 3 members and a maximum of 5 members of the Lake Wyola Association (LWA).
- The committee membership may also include additional property owners who might lend technical expertise.

Comments on this draft included:

- Boards, Directors, and Commission can assign a designee to serve on the committee.
- The committee could include “associate members” which could include members with add special technical expertise
- Should the committee include specific membership limit
- Adding a member from the Lake Wyola Boating Safety Committee and the Storm Water Erosion Task Force
- Add a member for the Lake Wyola Association board

Mark requested that members send him requested changes. He will then merge them into a revised version to be discussed at the next meeting.

3. Invasive Plants Identified in the Lake

No additional information on an invasive plant (milfoil) was available. Mark will reach out to DCR (Department of Conservation and Recreation) in 2026.

Catherine noted that the “growth” that Walter observed on the trash rack when it was being cleaned was identified as being Bryozan pectactinella This is not an invasive plant, rather just the opposite. It is native to freshwater systems across Eastern North America, and serves as a natural water filter, consuming bacteria, algae, and protozoa, which helps improve water clarity and quality. Its presence is often an indicator of a healthy aquatic ecosystem.

4. Update on Dam Repair and Maintenance Activities

Mark noted that Hayley Bolton has taken the lead working with GZA to write the scope of work and obtain bids to perform the repairs.

5. Beaver Dam Management at the Lakeview Road culvert

Permits for removing both the beavers and the dams have been obtained. Beavers removal is ongoing, and parts of the beaver dam has also been removed.

Len noted that there is significant damage to the culvert’s wing walls and the guard rails, that will need to be repaired.

6. Randall Road Boat Ramp

Mark trimmed the brush along the side of the boat ramp. Once the lake is lowered for the winter, Mark will consult with Terry Smith to determine repair options.

Howard noted that he has completed the 2-foot lake lowering and will be adjusting the gate valve to maintain that level.

7. Adjournment

Catherine motioned to end the meeting 10:01 and was seconded by Tom. The motion passed via roll call vote noted below.

Close the November LWAC meeting			
	Yes	No	Abstain
Leonard Czerwotka	x		
Bob Douglas	x		
John Gorey	x		x
Catherine Hilton	x		
Art Keene	x		
Howard Kinder	x		
Mark Rivers	x		
Tom Siefert	x		
Terry Smith			x
Eric Stocker			x
Walter Tibbetts	x		

Next meeting is scheduled for January 15, 2026