

Meeting Minutes

Committee or Board: Lake Wyola Stormwater Erosion Task Force

Meeting Date: Thursday, August 15, 2024

Members in Attendance:

Jennifer Wallace Chair	Present	Bob Douglas	Present (Late)	Charlene Galenski	Present
Tracy McNaughton	Present	James Moore	Present	Joe Salvador	Absent
Tom Siefert	Present	Eric Stocker Select Board	Present	Steven Sullivan Highway Dept.	Present

Guests in Attendance: Mark Rivers

Meeting:

1. 7:33 P.M. Meeting called to order by Wallace.
2. Review of Agenda by Wallace.
3. Public Comment: None.

4. Agenda Item. Review Task Force Minutes for 7/11/24
Discussion: Wallace will submit the minutes of July 11, 2024, to the Town Clerk.
Siefert will prepare the minutes for the current meeting and for future meetings.
Motion: McNaughton: Motion to approve the 7/11/24 minutes. Siefert: Second.
Discussion on Motion: None.
Vote: Wallace: Aye, Douglas: Not present, Galenski: Aye, McNaughton: Aye,
Moore: Aye, Salvador: Not present, Siefert: Aye, Stocker: Abstain,
Sullivan: Abstain

5. Agenda Item. Task Force Coordinator role
Discussion: Wallace asked if anyone wanted to take over her coordinator role. No one said that they wanted to.

6. Agenda Item. Committee Contact Information
Discussion: Wallace asked for Stocker, Sullivan, and Douglas to share their contact information in order to send out group communications via email, phone, or text as necessary.

7. Agenda Item. Lake Wyola Association Liaison Role
Discussion: Galenski clarified that, as a member of the LWA board, she can share information from the Task Force with LWA, but she cannot represent the LWA board alone before the LWA board makes decisions on any matters.

8. Agenda Item. Request to Town Administrator for consultation with MVP and FRCOG representatives. MVP website & webinars, project summary videos and toolkit [example BMP cost catalog]

Discussion: - Wallace noted that the Commonwealth's Municipal Vulnerability Program (MVP) and the Franklin Regional Council of Governments (FRCOG) both offer a good deal of guidance and assistance for applicants seeking funding for projects such as ours.

- Wallace reported that the Town Administrator has made requests for meetings of our Task Force with two representatives from MVP, as well as with two representatives from FRCOG, but that the TA has not yet received confirmation from those reps.

- McNaughton noted that the Town's Lake Wyola Advisory Committee reportedly has a copy of an old MVP grant application that our Task Force might benefit from looking at. She also noted that Task Force member Bob Douglas has experience with MVP grants and so he would be a good resource.

- Stocker reported that the Town just this month received an MVP grant and wondered how that will impact the Town's receipt of future MVP grants.

- Wallace reminded us that there are more opportunities than just MVP grants that we should look at.

- Mark Rivers noted that the Town's MVP grant application is on the Town Administrator's webpage.

9. Agenda Item. Observations on FRCOG report pp. 55-70, Next steps

Discussion: - Wallace asked for people's impressions of the draft FRCOG Watershed Based Plan for the Lake Wyola watershed, specifically for the areas labeled Site 4 (Locks Pond Road) and Site 6 (Wendell Road).

Site 6: - Moore said that he walked both areas (Sites 4 and 6). In Site 6, he found areas of concern at the three-way intersection of Wendell Road, North Laurel Drive, and South Laurel Drive, as well as at the intersection of Wendell Road and Watson's Straights. He found that runoff from Watson's Straights appeared to go down to Shore Drive. He suggested more cuts in Wendell Road, and perhaps berms, to divert water before it entered Watson's Straights and The Laurels.

- Sullivan noted that water cannot be left standing on Wendell Road or potholes will develop.

- McNaughton noted that Watson's Straights is no longer maintained by its owner (LWA) and that, in addition to stormwater runoff, there is also an intermittent stream on or near Watson's Straights which also appears to contribute to erosion and movement of sediment downhill towards Shore Drive and Pine Drive.

- Wallace suggested that we think of the stretch of Wendell Road from The Laurels to Watson's Straights as a distinct "system" that also encompasses adjacent uphill and downhill elements. As a system, it would probably require an engineering study for recommended ways to mitigate the flow of runoff and of any streams.

- Stocker, Moore, McNaughton, and Wallace brought up that the goal is not to prevent all water from entering Lake Wyola but rather to slow the flow and reduce sedimentation from entering the lake.

Site 4: - Moore found on his walk of Locks Pond Road that the trench along the west side of the road lacked depth and a lining. He wondered if the trench could be structured and extended in a way so as to direct water into the Sawmill River instead of eastwards into Lake Wyola. He found that a culvert under Locks Pond Road, just south of the

intersection with Randall Road, appeared to be generating erosion at its outflow. He noted that another culvert under Locks Pond Road, just north of Great Pines Drive, appeared to contribute to erosion on King Road, downhill from the culvert's outflow, where King Road is now closed due to being washed out. He saw driveways on the west side of Locks Pond Road that seem to direct water into the road instead of into the trench on the west side of the road. He found that much of the water from Locks Pond Road eventually ends up on Lake Drive.

- Sullivan confirmed that the culvert south of Randall Road is problematic during high rain events and that possibly riprap rock could be used there. Sullivan said that the driveways on the west side of Locks Pond Road are indeed graded to divert water into the west side trench. One of the driveways is blacktop, preventing a culvert from being put underneath it which would allow for flow along the west side of Locks Pond Road towards the Sawmill River. He added that the presence of an intermittent stream and wetland, located off of and along Locks Pond Road and flowing into the area by King Road, meant that the Highway Dept. was not currently allowed to divert water away from there.

- McNaughton noted that there is a problem with the pitch of Locks Pond Road at the intersection with Great Pines Drive which contributes to water being deposited onto Great Pines Drive. She wondered if the closed-off section of King Road could be utilized as a retention area or as a water garden, for mitigating the flow of water off of Great Pines Drive. Siefert noted that the FRCOG Watershed Based Plan for Lake Wyola also identified the closed-off section of King Road as a potential site for a "multi-BMP treatment train."

- Wallace asked whether the Conservation Commission had the authority to allow for exemptions for activities in wetland areas, if the goal of the activities would be for a better final case scenario than the current one, where erosion and sediment are currently negatively impacting the lake. Stocker and Sullivan both expressed that it was worth asking the ConCom about possible activities.

- Wallace suggested that we designate as a second "system" the area encompassing the intersections of Locks Pond Road and Great Pines Drive and of Great Pines Drive and King Road. This system, like the Wendell Road-Laurel-Watson's Straights system also includes uphill and downhill elements. Both systems present projects with multiple problems and multiple solution strategies that involve, minimally: the Conservation Commission, the Highway Department, public land and roads, and privately owned land and roads.

10. Agenda Item. Task Force Site Visit of the newly designated projects, "System 1" and "System 2"
Discussion: - Stocker suggested a field trip for everyone to acquaint themselves with the sites.
- We decided on a site visit of System 1 and System 2 on Thursday, September 12, 2024, at 4:30 P.M. We can park our cars at the LWA Association Hall at 6 Shore Drive.
- We will invite the Conservation Commission.
11. Agenda Item. Harvard, Massachusetts, sedimentation controls
Discussion: None. Topic will be addressed at a future meeting.

12. Unanticipated Business: None

13. 9:00 P.M. Adjournment.

Motion: Galenski: Motion to Adjourn. Moore: Second

Vote: Wallace: Aye, Douglas: Aye, Galenski: Aye, McNaughton: Aye,

Moore: Aye, Salvador: Not present, Siefert: Aye Stocker: Aye,

Sullivan: Aye

Meeting adjourned at 9:01 P.M.

Documents used:

WATERSHED-BASED PLAN

Lake Wyola

June, 2023

Prepared By:

Franklin Regional Council of Governments

https://www.shutesbury.org/sites/default/files/LakeWyola_WBP_PublicReview_draft.pdf

Link to Video record of meeting:

<https://youtu.be/xGgCGpujuc4?list=PLUyASF8dRTxvfmudbTnZ-A4sv95EaygME>

Minutes submitted by:

Tom Siefert