

LAKES & PONDS COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes – January 10th, 2013

Members:

Todd Girard	Town Official
Ziggy Waraszkiwicz	Chairman
Tim Moran	Vice Chairman
Jackie Nowak	
Lisa Westwell	
Lori Fontaine	
Frank Zappulla	Absent
John Santos	Absent
Andrew McMahon	Absent
Etta Ginga	Absent
Dick Ginga	Absent

Guests:	Debbie Ceccarini	Town Assessor
	Deb Marquis	Baker's Pond
	Kevin Chambers	Glen Echo

Discussion Items:

Pond Mapping
Draw Downs
Other items

Mapping review

- Todd provided samples of various Lakes & Ponds
- Extensive discussions around what to include, format & usage
- Todd will use Little Nugget as a "prototype/example" for February review
- Extensive discussions around Glen Echo
 - o Department of Fisheries (MA State) land
 - o Todd to talk with MA State officials about dock on property
- ITEM TO BE REVIEWED AGAIN IN February

Weed Control & Draw Downs:

- Kevin Chapman complained about length and depth of Glen Echo draw down
 - o Claims well water issues (extremely vocal)
 - o Todd will continue to monitor draw down (Dam)
 - o Todd will keep Kevin informed on closure
- Todd suggest possible 2x/year video (at draw down and peak summer)
- Utilize GS/Bathametrics etc to measure ice levels, weed control
- Todd suggest summer "lunch & learn" to map and video weed areas yearly
- Todd will begin discussions with Dudley on Draw Down process for Bakers Pond
- Committee will work on standard practice for 2013 draw downs (target date TBD)
- Compare Fish & Game (MA) standards
- ITEM TO BE ON TBD Monthly AGENDA

Harbor Master

- Short discussion around Harbor Master
- 91A Mass laws & town laws
- Members to come prepared in March with list of issues
- Todd to ask for MA Association of Harbor Masters and/or Charlton Police Chief
- Funding will be an issue – discussed Webster boat usage
- MUST HAVE GROUND RULES SET FOR THIS MEETING (maybe for all)
- ITEM TO BE REVIEWED AGAIN IN MARCH

Fire Hydrant Placements:

- Discussed dry hydrant needs & placements
- Possible inclusion of hydrant at new Prindle Pond dam (Todd/John to review)
- Include Charlton Fire Chief in future meeting? (Todd)
- ITEM TO BE REVIEWED AGAIN IN JANUARY

Storm Water Management

- Glen Echo is the test case for all waterways
- Catch basin painting (educational opportunities – 13 town collaborative)
- REVIEW TBD

Moorings, Docks & Piers:

- Glen Echo open issue
- Must keep discussions short and to the point (not a global L&P issue)
 - o Kevin complained (loudly) about buoy system at narrows on Glen Echo (committee will come up with ‘standards at a later date)
- Committee to develop standard Safety Policy recommendations
 - o MA Environmental Policy/Law versus Lake Associations?
- ITEM TO BE ON THE FEBRUARY AGENDA

Debbie Ceccarini (Town Assessor) Actions

- Work with Todd on Maps
- Review process for ‘sale ‘ on town owned properties
- Determine who owns land under Baker’s pond
- Todd (with Debbie) will work on Dudley piece of Baker’s Pond ownership

Other Items:

- Ziggy/Lori to review COLAP Class for 15 minutes (February)
- February meeting schedule for TUESDAY February 12th
- Format on meeting notes– members review previous month and Lisa W will post
- TBD – Lori to review Land Trust items/process
- Beaver issues – conservation involvement
- Boat excise tax for Charlton ~\$7,000 (Todd to explore getting \$\$)
- Need to establish meeting norms (time, ground rules, guest behaviors/actions etc)