

LAKES & PONDS COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes – January 20, 2015

Members:

Todd Girard	Town Official
Ziggy Waraszkiewicz	Chairman
Lori Fontaine	South Charlton Reservoir - Absent
Tim Moran	Baker - Absent
Lisa Westwell	Charlton Heritage Preservation Trust
Jackie Nowak	Glen Echo
Frank Zappulla	Glen Echo
Andrew McMahon	Glen Echo - Absent
Jack Josti	Pierpont Meadow Pond
Stanley Lewandowski	Pierpont Meadow Pond
John Santos	Prindle Pond - Absent
Bruce Herbert	Prindle Pond
Graham Milosz	Little Nugget - Absent
Guests:	Nicole Giles, Army Corp Diane Dabrowski

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm by Chairman, Ziggy Waraszkiewicz.

Discussion Items:

Review of prior month's meeting minutes

Seasonal Drawdown

Misc

- Meeting Minutes
 - Frank took notes at 10-28-14 meeting – demo of water testing unit. Received money from Casella. Route 169 issue – purchased 9500 model. Smart Troll estimated \$5,000. Motion by Stanley Lewandoski to approve minutes. Jackie Nowak seconded. Motion passed.
- Drawdowns
 - Glen Echo Dam: Gate closed. Todd wants to improve on procedure to allow for wetting of the brook prior to opening the gate fully to prevent excessive critter kills. Todd received okay from DEP, who stated there isn't a formal regulation regarding this.
 - SCRA: Gate closed.
 - Buffum: 7 ft drawdown, not closing until after fishing derby, currently scheduled for Feb 7, 2015.
 - Baker Pond: Tim Moran is requesting it be closed, but it may already be closed. Unclear as the gate for Baker Pond is in Dudley.
- DEP Seminar

- Held Wednesday, January 13, 2015. Addressed Wetlands Protection Act changes and Stormwater Management regulations. Glen Echo/Charlton City MS4 category based on population density.
- L & P Annual Report
 - Due to Town Administrator by Feb. 26, 2015. Ziggy will draft report for next meeting. Items to include: ByLaw, water testing equipment, coordinated drawdowns, weed ID class.
- Glen Echo Dam
 - McClure Engineering inspected the dam. Gasket and rubber seam need to be repaired. Rear surface of the dam needs to be refaced. Scrape crumbling concrete off, inspect and repair rebar and then reface. Still need to check front where water currently is. Need is fairly urgent.
 - Repair currently estimated at \$50,000.
- SCRA Dam
 - McClure inspected the dam and it also need of repair. Ziggy indicated that they are awaiting the final report.
- Dock on town property at Glen Echo
 - Dock is still there. Three people went to Selectmen to ask that the dock remain. Choices: remove dock per Bylaw or town leaves dock and owns it. Unclear on Liability of town taking over the dock.
 - L & P consensus is to follow Bylaw. Todd will email Chief to request enforcement.
 - There is also a trash problem and an erosion problem on this piece of town owned land.
- Education and Recreation – upcoming events
 - Town has teamed up with Buffumville for Ice Fishing Day on February 7, 2015. Coordinated with MA Wildlife and have equipment for 100s of people.
 - May – Free Fishing event at Snow’s Pond being planned
 - Earth Day – L & P discuss participating. Last Green Valley will give \$500 for bags, gloves, etc. Possible clean up around lakes.

- Stormwater MS4 Water Permit Update
 - Todd wanted to start with Glen Echo but water catch basins aren't on roads owned by town so Todd may not "own" stormwater. To be determined. Permit will be very expensive.

- Emails re: dock on Glen Echo addended to these minutes

- Next meeting – February 10, 2015, 6:30 pm.