

LAKES & PONDS COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes – July 14, 2015

Members:

Todd Girard	Town Official
Ziggy Waraszkiewicz	Chairman, South Charlton Reservoir
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 - Absent
Stanley Lewandowski	Pierpont Meadow Pond
John Santos	Prindle Pond - Absent
Bruce Herbert	Prindle Pond
Graham Milosz	Little Nugget - Absent
Nicole Giles	Army Corp, Buffumville - Absent

Guests:

Barbara Perron (South Charlton Reservoir)

Meeting called to order at 6:40 pm by Chairman, Ziggy Waraszkiewicz. Ziggy informed the committee that Lori Fontaine (South Charlton Reservoir) can no longer participate.

Discussion Items:

Review of prior month's meeting minutes

Water Testing

Status of 2015 Weed Control

Dam Repairs/Engineering Funding

- Meeting Minutes
 - The minutes for the May 2015 meeting were reviewed by members. A motion was made by Bruce Hebert and seconded by Lisa Westwell to approve the minutes. Motion passed.

- Water Testing
 - Have the equipment calibrated and will be calibrated once per month by Ziggy. Recommendation is to perform a calibration check prior to testing and then repeat the check after testing to validate results.
 - Goal is to get baseline data for all lakes for this year.
 - South Charlton Reservoir and Prindle have been tested. Water quality is good. Also looking at testing Pratt's pond and Lamb's pond (CHPT) for testing since these feed into Glen Echo.
 - Plan is to have all lakes tested in July
 - Pierpoint – July 16
 - Baker – July 25
 - Glen Echo – need to set up a day/time for testing

- Status of 2015 Weed Control

- South Charlton has some milfoil in NW part of the lake (~5 acres). Most likely will not treat this year as past the time to be effective. The weeds are just beyond where area affected by the drawdown.
 - Pierpoint had a bloom after the 4th of July. Pierpoint is being surveyed on Thursday July 16.
 - Prindle is being treated for milfoil (entire pond).
 - Glen Echo is doing well, only small pockets of milfoil noted in the north end inlet. No plans to treat at this time.
- Dam Repairs/Engineering Funding
 - Glen Echo, Little Nugget and South Charlton dams need repairs. All dams are currently rated as “satisfactory”.
 - Extent of work?
 - South Charlton needs a new spillway (largest project). Glen Echo need standard maintenance work that is required every 5-10 years. Little Nugget needs a new gate. The Dam itself is in excellent condition.
 - It was agreed that the L&P committee would become the “Dam Repair Task Force” and would work on this as a joint effort as it may save money overall in the design and construction phases of the project(s). Grants and Loans will continue to be investigated. US Dept of Agriculture has money to give out as loans w/repayment as long as 40 years.
 - Robin Craver was asked to join the meeting. At that time, she indicated that the affected lakes would be responsible for funding the repairs (in the form of a betterment). She also suggested that the Dam Repair Task Force to be comprised of two (2) lake representatives, two (2) selectmen, two (2) Charlton residents-at-large, and Charlton Conservation Agent, rather than the L&P committee. She indicated that this was the make-up of the task force for the Prindle dam repairs.
 - The Betterment does not get applied until after the work is complete.
 - Would like article(s) for the October 2015 warrant to allocate money for the next phase.
 - Each lake to solicit volunteers for the task force.
- Next Meeting – Tuesday, August 11 at 6:30 pm