

Lake Massapoag Advisory Committee

Meeting of May 2, 2023

Minutes of Zoom Meeting

Members present (confirm): Laura Russell, Debbie Tatro, Dan Lewenberg, Gary Bluestein, and Stan Rosen. **Attending (confirm):** Josh Philibert, Conservation Admin; Matt Ladewig, TRC

Laura asked permission to test Fathom, at AI notetaker app, to assist volunteer with meeting minutes. The April minutes are not yet available.

UPDATES:

Con Comm public hearing on amended notification of intent and amended order of conditions for DASH and Hand Pulling for weed control was 4/27, MVP Action Grant due 5/4

DISCUSSION:

Members had a lengthy discussion with Matt Ladewig of TRC on the results of lake sediment testing to date (1 grab sample in November in the Deep Hole in November, 4 more samples at about 30 feet deep in March) and its implications for 1) need for potential alum treatments, and 2) need for future sediment testing. The data to date shows Lake Massapoag is somewhat on the borderline, and we will use our experience this summer to help guide our decisions. Sediment core sampling is needed to determine dosing of high-dose alum treatments to bind phosphorus in sediment, which have a more lasting impact. In contrast, low-dose alum treatments, which are short-term treatments, are based on water column testing, which we already have. Everwood Day Camp has reached out re options for local area treatment in the South Cove this summer, which will be a future agenda item.

Members reviewed and voted to approve a proposed weed treatment plan presented by Debbie, a memo to renew the NepRWA contract by Laura, and also reviewed a spreadsheet with showing allocation of the approved balance of FY23 funds by Laura.

VOTES:

- 1) Affirm MVP Grant submittal (have support votes from Select Board, CC, RAC, PB, and BOH).
YES: Debbie, Gary, Dan, Stan, Laura
- 2) VOTED: Approve the weed plan proposed by Debbie Tatro to authorize up to \$22,500 for weed removal this summer, plus up to \$5,000 for 4 days which might occur in June from the remaining balance of FY23 funds. YES: Debbie, Gary, Dan, Stan, Laura
- 3) VOTED: Approve NepRWA FY24 contract for CWMN monitoring at Sucker Brook \$1,500 and potential 1-2 hot spot analyses @\$500 – MOVED: Stan, Second: Debbie; YES: Debbie, Gary, Dan, Stan, Laura
- 4) VOTE: Next Meeting on Tuesday, June 13th 12-1: 30 pm. YES: Debbie, Gary, Dan, Stan, Laura
- 5) VOTE: Adjourn at 1:43 pm. MOVED: Stan, Second: Laura. YES: Stan, Debbie, Gary, Dan, Laura