

Lake Massapoag Advisory Committee

Meeting of June 13, 2023

Minutes of Zoom Meeting

Attendees: Laura Henze Russell, Debbie Tatro, Dan Lewenberg, Gary Bluestein, Colin Barbera, Ken Hyman. Guest: Josh Philibert

Vote to approve April Meeting minutes: Laura made motion, Debbie seconded. These members voted in favor including Laura Henze Russell, Debbie Tatro, Dan Lewenberg, Gary Bluestein, and Ken Hyman. Colin Barbera abstained because of absence.

Vote to approve May minutes: Laura made motion, Debbie seconded. Gary Bluestein, Laura Henze Russell, Debbie Tatro and Dan Lewenberg approved. Ken and Colin abstained because of absence. Ken volunteered to take the Meeting minutes.

- Update: Debbie provided an update on weed removal: There have been about 2,600 lbs of Fanwort pulled out of Lagoon behind Community Center yesterday, the first day. There was a concern of silt going to South Cove so an additional board was added to keep silt in the lagoon.
 - Update: Laura gave an update on meeting with state regulators and Camp Everwood: Meeting included Scott Brody and Jaime and Dane Pickles of the camp, Matt Ladewig of TRC, reps from DFW/NHESP and DEP, Josh, and Debbie, Dan and Laura to explore options. Fred was informed and invited but was unable to attend, Krishan and he said the process would be for them to make a donation and the Select Board would accept it. Everwood initiated this. Matt provided a report on recommended options based on the feedback from DFW and DEP. There is a memo for June 20 Select Board meeting to vote on \$1250 donation for planning and permitting a pilot in the South Cove for low dose alum treatment to reduce phosphorous, and for filtration socks in the lagoon by the dam. Gary says the Lake Advisory board should have been informed and clarified an email could be sent as an inform but without deliberations. Gary feels more needs to be done by Conservation Commission and Dan explained why things moved quickly because Everwood was looking to make an impact before the summer camp season. There is a benefit to the town to see how this works. Josh feels it moved faster and with less conflict because LMAC took the lead. Debbie noted sediment grab sample testing doesn't necessarily show a high dose alum treatment is needed. TRC's recommendation is to do core sampling this fall to r
 - Vote: Motion to submit amended notice of intent AOC for phosphorous mitigation to public hearing on Thursday night 6/15/23: Gary made motion, Debbie seconded. All members voted in favor including Laura Henze Russell, Debbie Tatro, Dan Lewenberg, Gary Bluestein, Colin Barbera, and Ken Hyman.
 - Vote: Motion for Select Board to accept \$1,250 donation from Everwood Day Camp for LMAC. Gary made motion, Colin seconded. All members voted in favor including Laura Henze Russell, Debbie Tatro, Dan Lewenberg, Gary Bluestein, Colin Barbera, and Ken Hyman.
- Committee reviewed the budget and discussed and voted on contracts to be approved.

- Botanist Survey: Debbie gave an update on a quote for Bladderwort and Toothcup surveys. Need to determine when contracts must be signed based on when the species are in bloom, and for how long DFW requires surveying during the season. Looked at two contract proposals, one for two day long surveys and one from TRC that didn't have itemized components. We will request more detail re days, rates and deliverables to see which is most suitable and will meet DFW requirements. Plan to select botanist contractor at our next meeting.
- Lake Management Support Services: Reviewed draft TRC contract and discussed options available. Josh and Debbie will take the lead on Sucker Brook sampling and will get other tests to determine if additional bacteria is present beyond E. coli, and the sources of contamination. Josh will take the lead on the Lagoon Tributaries Sampling.
- Vote: Motion to enter into contract with TRC for \$15,000 for Basic and Enhanced tasks discussed, increasing the amount for On-Call Services to \$4,700. Option of Sediment Coring and Phosphorus Fractionation Analysis to inform decision and alum dosing will be deferred until fall based on our water quality data and experience. Laura made motion, Debbie seconded the motion. All members voted in favor including Laura Henze Russell, Debbie Tatro, Dan Lewenberg, Gary Bluestein, and Ken Hyman (Colin left the call)
- Vote: Motion made by Gary to allocate \$5,000 to use for testing via G&L labs. Gary made motion, Debbie seconded. All members voted in favor including Laura Henze Russell, Debbie Tatro, Dan Lewenberg, Gary Bluestein, and Ken Hyman (Colin left the call)
- Additional votes:
 - Vote: Motion to schedule next committee meeting on July 11. All members voted in favor including Laura Henze Russell, Debbie Tatro, Dan Lewenberg, Gary Bluestein, and Ken Hyman (Colin left the call)
 - Vote: After reviewing the balance of spending the rest of the year, voted to authorize spending the balance of the FY23 budget as planned (approximately \$1,076) to end of June out of the current budget, in furtherance of committee's current and planned activities, and encumber any remaining balance. Motion made by Dan, Gary seconded. All members voted in favor including Laura Henze Russell, Debbie Tatro, Dan Lewenberg, Gary Bluestein, and Ken Hyman (Colin left the call)
 - Vote: Motion to adjourn the meeting: Gary made the motion, Laura seconded, All members voted in favor including Laura Henze Russell, Debbie Tatro, Dan Lewenberg, Gary Bluestein, and Ken Hyman (Colin left the call)