

**Town of Sharon Lake Management Committee**  
**Minutes of 2/7/2022**  
**Meeting Held via Zoom**

Present: Colin Barbera, Acting Chair, Debbie Tatro, Stanley Rosen, Ken Hyman, David Blaszkowsky. Other Attendees: Gary Bluestein, Josh Philibert

Colin Barbera called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. Here is the agenda:

1. Call to order, approval to record and post
2. Adoption of minutes for January 10, 2022
3. Short Updates: Progress on review of Proposal Warrant Article, CPC Proposal, LMSC Budget
4. Discussion: Water Quality Testing Proposal (Debbie Tatro)
5. Discussion: Balance FY22 Budget, Pending FY23 Budget (Colin/Laura)
6. For Action: Approve revised testing plan/budget (for CPC proposal), balance FY22 budget, website launch (FY22).
7. Any other business not anticipated in advance
8. Next meeting date

**Roll Call and Approval of minutes**

Colin moved approval of the January 10, 2022 minutes, Laura seconded, and the motion passed: Laura yes, Debbie yes, Ken yes, Stan yes, David yes, Colin yes.

**Short Updates**

Colin reported that after favorable review of the Warrant Article by ConCom Jan. 20<sup>th</sup>, Laura and he met with Fred Turkington Jan. 28<sup>th</sup>. It was a good meeting; Fred submitted it to Town Counsel for review, and set up meetings with FinCom for tonight at 8:30 pm and the Select Board on Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>, time TBA, Ken will attend and someone will join him. Laura reported that Debbie and she met with the Rec Advisory Board on Jan. 27<sup>th</sup>, and Planning Board will review it Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. Feedback to date has been positive.

Laura reported that ConCom reviewed the CPC proposal Jan. 20<sup>th</sup>, and the Rec Advisory Board on Jan. 27<sup>th</sup>, both were supportive. The CPC will review it on Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>, time TBA. She will ask them what further reviews should be scheduled.

**Discussion**

Debbie led a discussion of the Water Quality Testing Proposal. She outlined a plan (see attached) that includes:

- 1) Baseline comprehensive and two rounds of follow-up testing July and August for 10 parameters at 6 sites by a professional contractor,
- 2) Adding the Sucker Brook inflow to NepRWA's monthly Community Water Monitoring Network (CWMN) program which tests over 40 sites in the watershed monthly May-Oct on an annual basis for 7 parameters using volunteer samplers, and a "hot spot" survey upstream on Sucker Brook locations to seek to identify problem sources,

- 3) Adding monthly phosphorus testing to the 3 public beach and 8 inflow sites at which the Town collects E. coli samples during the summer, with the help of a Conservation Commission intern, and seeking to extend testing from May-Sept,
- 4) Arranging for "Wet Testing" of phosphorus and E. coli at the 11 sites above and 4 additional storm drains that empty into the lake, during heavy rain events, and
- 5) Purchase equipment and supplies for Cyanobacteria identification and monitoring.

The total is \$19,865; there may be further adjustments. Debbie said she is still clarifying some of the storm drain sites with DPW, Josh offered assistance. Gary clarified the drain location opposite 123 Beach St. Ken asked that the small stream that enters into Fletcher's Cove be included. He also suggested the Water Sampling Map be annotated with any new sites, and numbered to correspond to the testing site list, and clarifying the protocol for consistent sample collection. The objective is to launch a solid baseline of comprehensive, focused, and ongoing monitoring at public beach, stream/inflow, and storm drain sites, add testing timed in connection with heavy rains, and obtain equipment for Cyanobacteria identification and monitoring .

### **Budget**

Colin reported that \$2,814 of the LMSC FY22 budget of \$7,000 was expended for the SOLitude Weed Survey in October, leaving a balance of \$4,186. In addition, FinCom approved \$17,700 from the reserve fund for weed treatment and botanist services. As we finalize our testing, education and treatment budget items and get feedback on the CPC proposal, we will seek adjustments from FinCom as needed.

Stan asked whether the education component is also included in the CPC grant. Laura said yes, for development of posters for the Memorial Beach kiosks. Stan suggested including some additional funding for other educational activities and materials. Laura can add a miscellaneous and contingency item to the CPC budget, following a suggestion from Gary at a prior meeting.

### **Action**

Laura moved, Stan seconded, and we voted to approve the updated testing and educational materials budget for the CPC proposal, with the understanding that there may be further refinement: Laura yes, Stan yes, Ken yes, Debbie yes, Colin yes.

In addition, Colin moved, Stan seconded, and we approve \$280 for the FY22 budget to fund the launch of the website (\$175) and support up to three members of the Committee to attend the Conference webinar Josh shared on lake citizen science activities (3 @ \$35 = \$105): Laura yes, Stan yes, Ken yes, Debbie yes, Colin yes.

### **Next Meeting Date**

Colin noted some scheduling issues associated with his job, Stan suggested Laura email and poll people about possible dates/times for the next meeting.

### **Adjourn**

Ken moved, Stan seconded we adjourn at 8:30 pm to attend FinCom, all agreed.