

Lake Massapoag Advisory Committee

Meeting of March 20, 2024

Minutes of Zoom Meeting

Attendees: Laura Henze Russell, Chair, Debbie Tatro, Vice Chair, Ken Hyman, Dan Lewenberg, Colin Barbera, Eman Lasheen and Gary Bluestein.

Guests: Josh Philibert, Conservation Administration; Danica Cucchi, GIS Coordinator; and John Tucci of EverBlue Lakes.

VOTES

- Motion to approve the minutes from the February 14, 2024 meeting: Dan moved, Laura seconded. Yes votes: Colin, Debbie, Dan, Ken, and Laura.
- Motion to ask MVP for an extension to go into FY2025. Dan moved, Debbie seconded. Yes votes: Colin, Gary, Ken, Eman, Debbie, Laura, and Dan.
- Motion to approve the Hazard Mitigation Plan comments as an official LMAC submission on the record. Laura moved, Dan seconded. Yes votes: Colin, Gary, Eman, Debbie, Dan, Ken, and Laura.
- Motion to approve the final TRC report with Laura and Debbie's edits suggestions. Laura moved, Dan seconded. Yes votes: Colin, Gary, Ken Debbie, Dan Laura, and Eman.

DISCUSSIONS

John Tucci Progress Report on Cove Assessment by EverBlue Lakes

Sediment samples are drying out and will be analyzed soon. Most of the information confirmed Tucci's hypothesis about the lake health. Tucci does not recommend following up with a sonar scan for more information, unless LMAC would find the data useful. Less testing will reduce the study cost. LMAC will decide how to proceed after receiving the rest of the data. Preliminary highlights include 8-9 sediment samples collected. The bottom of the lake is not covered in muck but instead gravel. Muck would make the lake a candidate for aeration but not gravel.

Budget Discussion

Dan provided an update on the budget process. LMAC request has been finalized for the ATM vote at \$49,480.

Education Committee Update

Eman described social media campaigns and a working group brainstorming imagery to enhance LOL messaging. We will post for World Water Day on March 22nd. Science and Photography classes at the middle and high schools will be collaborating on enhanced curriculum to work LOL priorities into the classroom. The budget will cover sending the quarterly newsletter, lawn signs, and banners to reflect additional costs of shipping, additional printed flyers and a street banner.

Conservation Department and GIS Coordinator Update

The DPW is currently pursuing a boat ramp improvement project in the boat ramp parking area.

Philibert noted hydrant flushing runoff going straight into the lake recently. Cucchi will check with the Water Department and Forestry and Grounds to see what the plan is for that activity.

Septic Letter to Lake Abutters

LMAC will be sending literature about BMP to lake abutters (laundry detergent, dishwater detergent, septic inflows, etc.). Target mailing is 250 people.

Report on Meeting with Camp Everwood

Laura, Debbie, Dan, and Josh will be meeting in person on Monday to discuss funding for potential treatment plans.

DEP Grant

LMAC is still waiting on a signed contract for the DEP grant.

Closing

Next meeting will be April 17th.

Motion to adjourn at 1:05 PM. Dan moved, Eman seconded. Yes votes: Eman, Dan, Debbie, Ken, Laura, and Gary.