LAKE MASPENOCK WEED MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL ADVISORY GROUP

HOPKINTON MA 10748

JANUARY 28, 2016 MINUTES

In attendance;

Eric Sonnet, Dept. of Parks and Rec.

Jeff Barnes, Conservation Commission

Cynthia Esthimer, Co Chair

David Mitchell, Limnologist & Aquatic biologist from Abt Associates, consultant to John Westerling

Absent;

John Westerling, Dept. of Public Works

Jamie Goncalves, At Large

Drew Logan, At Large

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Co-Chair Cynthia Esthimer. Review of January 7, 2016 Advisory Group minutes was tabled till the full Group is in attendance.
2. The Hopkinton Conservation Commission and the Parks and Recreation Dept. have agreed to co-sponsor the Public Forums.
3. Final edits and review of the Public Survey were concluded. Online survey will be prepared by Cynthia E. to publish on the Hopkinton Town website. Paper copies of the Public Survey will be available at the Senior Center and Town Hall.
4. The flyer announcement of the Public Forums is ready for the Hopkinton Independent’s Feb.11, 2016 publication. Number of copies to be printed must be determined, likely in excess of 5,000. An announcement of the Public Forums will be placed on HopNews if the Editor allows. An article written by Cynthia E. will be edited and published in the same issue.
5. The Advisory Group conducted a detailed review of David Mitchell’s Power Point presentation for the upcoming Feb. 2016 Public Forums.
6. Suggestions were made to enhance the educational aspect of the presentation. The presentation will focus on the multi step screening process for weed management methods. The presentation depicts types of nuisance and invasive weeds present in Lake Maspenock, displays maps and charts, and defines the process and progress of the Weed Advisory Group. The presentation was approved with appreciation.
7. A list of “Talking Points” prepared by David M. was discussed. The list has a ‘question & answer’ format that will be helpful to use during the Public Forums. Jamie G. will take the lead with the talking points with other Group members joining in.
8. An extended amount of time will be dedicated to questions and comments.
9. Comment cards and surveys will be available.
10. Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m..