LAKE MASPENOCK WEED MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL ADVISORY GROUP

HOPKINTON MA 01748

MINUTES MARCH 2, 2017

In attendance;

Jaime Goncalves, Chair

Cynthia Esthimer, Vice Chair

Jeff Barnes, Conn. Comm. Liason

Eric Sonnet, Parks & Rec. Liaison

David Mitchell, Consultant

1. Meeting was called to order by Jaime Goncalves at 7:09 pm.
2. Minutes from the February 16, 2017 meeting were reviewed and approved as written.
3. A discussion about clarifying the start-to-finish process of weed treatment included the following points;

* The Group will create a flow chart emanating from lake monitoring observations, to suggested treatments and to steps necessary for approval.
* Treatment recommendations will include cost estimates
* Clarification as to who authorizes treatments is needed. (BOS, DPW, Conn. Comm. or the Weed Advisory Group)
* Clarification as to who would oversee any treatment led to David, the Limnologist, as the logical choice

1. We would like to make a brief presentation to the BOS to discuss the following;

* Setting up term limits for Advisory Group members
* Clarifying whether or not the BOS approves the use of herbicides as one treatment option
* Can an accepted bid remain in place for 3 years or must new bids go out each time treatment is recommended?

1. Action items included the following:

* Jeff will consult surrounding towns to see if they have filed 3 year a Notices of Intent to treat weed problems
* John will request that the Advisory Group be placed on the BOS agenda either on March 28 or April 11, 2017
* The Group has tentatively scheduled a Sat. June 3 lake monitoring trip at 10 a.m.
* The Group will work on cost analysis and implementation next

1. The next meeting is Thursday, March 23, 2017 at 7 p.m. in Town Hall.
2. Meeting was adjourned at 7:46 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Cynthia Esthimer