LAKE MASPENOCK WEED MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL ADVISORY GROUP

HOPKINTON MA 10748

MINUTES FEBRUARY 16, 2017

In attendance;

John Westerling, DPW Director

Jaime Goncalves, Chair

Eric Sonnet, Parks & Rec. Liaison

Cynthia Esthimer, Vice Chair

David Mitchell, Consultant

1. Meeting was called to order by Jaime Goncalves at 7:00 pm.
2. Minutes from the January 12, 2017 meeting were reviewed and approved as written.
3. A discussion about the need for clarification between the Weed Advisory Group and the Board of Selectmen before treatment (should a weed problem develop) included these considerations;
* John Westerling pointed out that the BOS has agreed to allow the Weed Management and Advisory Group continue to monitor weeds in Lake Maspenock.
* The Advisory Group would like to clarify if the Advisory Group will act as a standing permanent committee and if term limits would ensure both continuity and new members.
* The BOS needs to specify whether or not application of herbicides will be considered an acceptable treatment
* David Mitchell, Limnologist, suggested logical steps would be for the Group to make recommendations to John, who would then report to the BOS to authorize and fund, at which point Jeff would activate a Notice of Intent for Con. Comm., John would start the bidding process and ultimately the Advisory Group would facilitate the treatment. Recommendations would include cost estimates.
* Time sensitivity is an issue if treatment of any kind is necessary. Solicitation of quotes or bidding takes time to process as does scheduling of services. Requests for funding must fall within budget season timelines.
1. Action items included the following:
* Jeff will look into a 3 year a Notice of Intent to treat weed problems
* John will request that the Advisory Group be placed on the BOS agenda in March
* The Group will review tables David provided about evaluation of weed thresholds.
* The Group will work on a ‘tool box’ of management methodology to assist future members of the Advisory Group.
* The Group will schedule a mid-May lake monitoring trip and determine what equipment we need for monitoring.
1. Meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.
2. The next meeting will be held in Town Hall on March 2, 2017 at 7p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Cynthia Esthimer