LAKE MASPENOCK WEED MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL ADVISORY GROUP

HOPKINTON MA 10748

August 23, 2016 MINUTES

In attendance;

Jaime Goncalves, Chairman

Cynthia Esthimer, Vice Chairman

Drew Logan, Secretary

Jeff Barnes, Conservation Commission

Eric Sonnet, Parks & Rec. Dept

John Westerling, Dept. of Public Works

Absent:

David Mitchell, Consultant

* The meeting was called to order at 7:08 pm by Chairman Jaime Goncalves.
* Minutes from 5/31/16, 6/30/16 and 8/11/16 were reviewed and approved.
* Cynthia is keeping track of our efforts in order to create a timeline. We have conducted 13 meetings that were open to the public thus far.
* Action items from previous meeting:
  + Jaimie developed detailed descriptions and common names for each of the 9 zones and added a 10th. The group agreed we should add acreage to the descriptions, but otherwise the descriptions looked good.
  + We are having difficulty lining up the GPS coordinates from our monitoring efforts. We intend to overlay the monitoring locations with the 10 treatment zones. John W. to continue to work with his contacts on the GPS coordinates while Cynthia will then create the overlay
    - We agreed that we would do another field trip in September to a) validate locations and b) monitor weed situation.
  + We completed the chart with prioritized treatment options by zone. We agreed that we should review with David Mitchell during our next meeting.
* We discussed the extended drawdown again
  + Eric suggested we look into doing again this year and more frequently thereafter. (Currently allowed for every 3 years).
  + Jeff informed the group that it would require a Project Change submitted to the Conservation Commission for approval. Likewise they would need a report from David Mitchell or other certified expert that there would be no impact to wildlife.
  + We agreed to discuss at our next meeting with David Mitchell whether the current strategy should be adjusted.
* Action steps for our next meeting:
  + Jaime: Update the zone description document per above
  + Drew: Formalize treatment options by zone and add approximate costs
  + Cynthia/John: Finalize GIS coordinates for monitoring locations.
* Upcoming Committee schedule
  + Monitoring Field Trip: September 10, 9:00 am – Sandy Beach Lot
  + Meeting: September 13, 7:00 pm – town hall basement
  + Sept – draft of management plan – David M to draft.
  + Oct 1 – Public Meeting
  + Oct – Selectman presentation of long term management & monitoring plans

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Drew Logan