LAKE MASPENOCK WEED MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL ADVISORY GROUP

HOPKINTON MA 01748

JANUARY 7, 2016 MINUTES

In attendance;

John Westerling, Dept. of Public Works

Jeff Barnes, Conservation Commission

Jamie Goncalves, At Large

Cynthia Esthimer, At Large

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

Resident;

Don Keiser, Oakhurst Rd.

Absent;

Eric Sonnet, Dept. of Parks and Rec.

Drew Logan, At Large

1. Call to order at 7:00 p.m. by Jamie Goncalves, Chair. Minutes from December 3, 2015 were unanimously approved without changes.
2. Discussion of Hopkinton resident lake use Survey included;
3. Timing of Survey to be sent out before Public Forums scheduled on Feb. 9 and Feb. 27, 2016.
4. Methods of distributing Survey to include use of Survey Monkey or Doodle Survey and paper copies at Forums
5. Notices of Public Forums and Survey to be distributed with insert to the Hopkinton Independent if timing allows, postings on the DPW, Parks & Rec. and Con. Comm. Town website. Notice to be posted on HopNews.
6. Survey questions will include general questions as to whether Town residents are aware of where the lake is, that the Advisory Group has convened, of ongoing issues regarding excessive weed growth, how residents use the lake and whether they have noticed changes over time.
7. Survey questions to be approved by the Advisory Group at the next meeting.
8. Discussion of Public Forums included;
9. First Forum at Town Hall, Rm. 215 on February 9, 2016 from 7-8:30 p.m.
10. Second Forum date location TBD on February 27, 2016 from 10-11:30 a.m.
11. Presentation and content to be developed at next meeting.
12. Allow plenty of time for public comment and questions
13. Have comment cards available
14. Brief discussion on the status of refilling the lake and the weather’s impact on weed control.
15. Don Keiser expressed concern that a decision to use herbicide treatment has been made. John W. stated that no decision has been made at this time. Jeff B. offered to send Don information. Don suggested that dredging while the lake was extremely low may be beneficial.
16. Action items;
17. Jamie G. to set up HopNews interview
18. David M. to prepare Forum talking points and presentation
19. Cynthia E. to send Survey and Flyer mock-ups to the Group for approval at the next meeting.
20. Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Cynthia Esthimer