LAKE MASPENOCK WEED MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL ADVISORY GROUP

HOPKINTON MA 10748

FIELD TEST BOAT TRIP

JUNE 30, 2016

In attendance;

Eric Sonnet, Parks & Rec. Dept.

David Mitchell, Consultant

Jamie Goncalves, At Large

Cynthia Esthimer, At Large

A Public Announcement was posted for the residents of Hopkinton. No residents attended the field trip.

Meeting commenced at the Sandy Beach parking lot at 8:30 a.m. on June 30, 2016.

Advisory Group members used a pontoon boat to move around the lake. Eric S. recorded details of findings on a chart.

Briefly noted findings;

* Overall weed density is scarce with one area appearing to be moderately dense
* 12 separate GPS points were established for comparison in future testing in areas where density has been thick in the past and in areas where little or no weeds have been noted in the past
* SECCHI disc tests showed that water clarity is good throughout the lake
* A pole was used to test sediment depth and type
* A rake was used to pull weeds up from the bottom
* 5-6 types of both native and invasive aquatic plants were observed and samples collected
* A GoPro underwater camera showed no weeds evident at 24”-30” below the surface of the water
* Some torn and fragmented weeds floated on the surface of the water

Field trip concluded at 11:38 a.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Cynthia Esthimer