LAKE MASPENOCK WEED MANAGEMENT CITIZENS INPUT GROUP

HOPKINTON MA 10748

MARCH 6, 2019 MINUTES  - approved as amended

**In attendance**

John Westerling, Dept. of Public Works

Cynthia Esthimer, Chair

Jamie Goncalves

Drew Logan, Secretary

David Mitchell, Limnologist & Aquatic Biologist, Consultant to Mr Westerling

**Absent**

Eric Sonnett, Parks & Recreation Dept.

Jeff Barnes, Conservation Commission

* The meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm by Cynthia Esthimer, Chair.
* Minutes from the October 16, 2018 were approved with the following change:
* Spindel was misspelled and should be corrected
* A discussion ensued about the extended drawdown that was not conducted this year
* Per the NOI, it is not permissible without an agreement with the Spindel Island residents
* Drilling of a new well may be a good option for the property
* The LMPA has agreed to reach out the property owners and request a meeting
* The group discussed steps needed in case the upcoming spring weed survey dictates treatment of weeds this summer.
* Discussed potential methods covered under the Town’s current planning document:   harvesting, benthic barriers, herbicides
* Harvesting was discussed as an option
* According to Mr Mitchell, this is usually done in June
* Would need to mark rocks – a small team could be assigned to do that
* Mr Mitchell will research harvester requirements and capabilities, such as constraints for launching.  He will also request a bid structure from firms that do harvesting.
* Bidding process:
* Mr Westerling suggested obtaining a 3 year fixed bid starting this year.
* Funds available for next fiscal year are available in July
* Less than $60k is available in this year’s budget
* Conservation – suggest also requesting a 3 year order of conditions from the ConComm
* Next Steps:  Mr Westerling and Mr Mitchell will work together on the bidding process.
* Important upcoming dates:
* Spring Weed Survey:  May 19 at 8:30 am, Sandy Beach
* Next Meeting of the CIT:  June 6 at 7:00 pm, DPW