

**Town of Amesbury
Lakes and Waterways Commission
Meeting of 13 July 2006
Amesbury Health Center**

Present: Jim Babbin, Greg Roy, Jay Knapp, Clayton Hammond, Nathan Gray, Bruce Georgian and Cindy Roberts

NEW BUSINESS;

The first order of business was to conduct elections. Todd McGrath was previously elected to another term as secretary. Bruce Georgian and Greg Roy were elected Vice Chairman and Chairman, respectively.

The Commission Bylaws requires the commission be comprised of 5 members and 4 associate members. Members include Greg Roy, Todd McGrath, Jim Babbin, Bruce Georgian, and associates include Jay Knapp, John Vigliotti, Nathan Gray and Cindy Roberts. Clayton Hammond is currently an observer and invited to become a member when possible. It was decided that an associate will be changed to a full member status based on seniority on the commission. Elections should be considered at the next meeting.

Boat excise taxes were discussed and how ½ of the revenues should be going back to waterways. It is understood that all boat excise tax goes to the Town's general fund. An attempt will be made to identify how boat excise tax revenue should be distributed.

A schedule was discussed for conducting dry weather screening of outfalls on the Powow River. This work will be conducted on September 23, 2006 starting at 8:00 AM at the DPW garage. The survey will be conducted going downstream against the low incoming tide. It was agreed that a listing of logistics is required to better plan for this work. Greg Roy agreed to pull this together for the next meeting.

Gaining full access to the Town's web site was discussed. Nathan Gray will contact the MIS director and invite her to the August Commission meeting. The commission would like to express their desire to provide more information on the web site and identify how this can be accomplished.

Jim Babbin provided a brief update on local development that are of interest to the Commission. The 40B Clark's Road project has been abandoned for now and there are currently no other new projects.

It was agreed that the next Commission meeting will be on August 24, 2006.

Adjourned at 8:05PM, Jim Babbin (first) and Bruce Georgian (second)

**Town of Amesbury
Lakes and Waterways Commission
Meeting of 26 October 2006
Amesbury Health Center**

Present: Jim Babbin, Greg Roy, Nathan Gray, Bruce Georgian, Cindy Roberts, Rob Desmarais and Clayton Hammond

MINUTES:

The meeting began at 6:35 PM

Meeting minutes of August 24, 2006 were approved as amended: Bruce 1st and Cindy 2nd
Meeting minutes of September 23, 2006 were approved as amended: Bruce 1st and Jim 2nd

Rob Desmarais provided a summary of on-going efforts within the Engineering Department. FEMA applications were submitted for assistance with flooding damage that occurred in the spring of 2006. Up to \$500k is anticipated and in addition, the Hazardous Mitigation program will provide funding to remove an abandoned building over the Powow River in Market Square. Draw down of both Lake Gardner and Attitash Lakes is on-going. Rob mentioned that Arch Brook, a main outlet from Lake Attitash, has issues with boards in the dam. Rob is pursuing quotes from consultants to complete the requirements of the Stormwater regulations. This includes services to map the drainage system (including all outlets), conduct outfall screening of all outlets, locate illicit connections, and develop new Stormwater ordinances. It's his opinion that \$150k will be sufficient to complete all of this work. The Commission expressed concern that this estimate is light and that it should be increased. Rob also mentioned that a consultant is pursuing grant money to complete the ordinance work.

Cindy Roberts continues to work on the L&W web site. Improvements have been made which include an accurate listing of members and a posting of meetings on the schedule with agendas. The plan is for all agendas and approved meeting minutes to be posted on the site. In addition, Cindy is pursuing write ups for all surface water bodies in Town. She has suggested that each member be responsible for a water body and its write-up. She will draft a table of contents for each. Rob expressed an interest in having water surface elevation data posted on the web site.

The Commission discussed the results of outfall screening conducted on September 23, 2006. The intent is to draft a letter summarize the results and showing our commitment to this effort. We have also proven that completion of outfall screening cannot be completed by volunteers. The letter needs to make recommendations to proceed with completing these requirements.

The commission was lacking a fifth full member and by unanimous vote, Cindy Roberts was elevated from associate to member. A letter to the Mayor will be drafted which describes this membership change.

Rob requested assistance in finding volunteers to stencil catch basins. Bruce agreed to help.

It was agreed that the next Commission meeting will be on November 30, 2006.

Adjourned at 8:05PM, Greg (first) and Bruce (second)