



City of Amesbury
Lakes and Waterways Commission
Meeting of January 22, 2015
Location: DPW Hunt Rd

MEETING MINUTES:

Commission members present: Chairman Bruce Georgian, Alexander Pooler, Laura Pooler, Tom Murphy

City Engineer: Pete Manor

The meeting began at 6:39 PM.

1. **Previous Meeting Minutes:** The November meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.
2. **Engineer's Report (Pete):**
 - a. Fixed Park Pond breach.
 - b. Most of the additional water from December has passed through. Not back to drawdown levels but unable to fully address Lake Gardner due to ice levels.
 - c. **Watershed Mgt Plan update:**
 - i. Rob is still reviewing plan. May hand it off to Pete. Lower Millyard Project slowed and this allowed time to look at other projects.
 - d. **Lake Assessment:** Membership will begin to review document
 - e. **Beach Management Grant:** Rob is looking at this.
 - f. **Beach Management Plan:** Pete may have this on his desk. He will follow-up with Rob on the report.
 - g. **Lower Millyard:** Project has slowed due to environmental issues. Seems like part of the project will have to be scaled back.
 - h. **Membership:**
 - i. **Lake Gardner:** Lake is running high. Some water going over the top of the dam. Bruce mentioned a weed watch for the lake. Would like to plug data into a computer program to monitor results. Asked about Rob paying for water quality tests if LGA collected the samples.
 - j. **Clarks Pond:** Apparently there is a gas leak under the pond. Gas lines have been marked.
 - k. **Powow River:** Asked about water quality testing near canoe launch
 - l. **Tuxbury Pond: No report**
 - m. **Medowbrook Pond: No report**
 - n. **Pattens Pond: No report**
 - o. **Park Pond:** Repair work ongoing at damn breach.
 - p. **Merrimack River:** Ongoing debate about how to remove Whitter Bridge. Quick way to bring bridge down by demolition could have negative impact on local wetlands.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM. The next meeting is February 26, 2015.