



**City of Amesbury**  
**Lakes and Waterways Commission**  
**Meeting of Mar 27, 2014**  
**Location: Health Center Cafe**

MEETING MINUTES:

Commission members present: Chairman Bruce Georgian, Jay Knapp  
*Secretary: Ken Aspeslagh City Engineer: Not Present*

The meeting began at 6:45 PM.

1. **Previous Meeting Minutes:** The meeting minutes from February were approved unanimously.
2. **Engineer's Report:**
  - a. Engineer not present.
  - b. Bruce has report from Rob about Lake Gardner sewage pipe situation.
3. **Membership:** Bruce has potential new prospect that he is following up for next time.
4. **Meet the mayor:** Bruce met the Mayor. He knows we exist now. Took him through the website and assessment document. Went through bylaws. Told him about the beach management plan.
5. **Lower Millyard:** Doesn't look like anything has started. Ground still frozen.
6. **Lake Updates:**
  - a. **Bailey's Pond Update:** none
  - b. **Lake Gardner:** Bruce: About a month ago, about 330 million gallons of water flooded the sewage treatment plan. A sewer line runs under Lake Gardner and lake water was leaking into the sewer line. Lake was lowered because of this emergency and water was brought down to below level of sewer line to stop the infiltration. Bruce assisted Rob in looking for the cause of the problem. Eventually, he discovered the likely cause which was a tilted off manhole on the line. DPW should be able to start fixing it soon. Lake is currently down to 84' 10". Normal pool is 86' 5". It will good to see if this late winter drawing down has a positive effect on the weed situation.
  - c. **Lake Attitash:** none
7. **Beach Management Plan:** Ken will finalize it with help from the group and Bruce M's feedback, and then we'll start the approval process. This will be done over email.
8. **Grants:** none
9. **Goals:** Goal to figure out where boat excise tax goes; Alex got a note from Mike Basque, the town finance guy, saying that we get about \$10,000 a year in excise tax payments and it goes into the water management, presumably part of the DPW budget.
10. **Renewing/updating of watershed management plan:** Bruce asked Pete if we should work on this and we weren't sure. Continued to next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:46 PM. The next meeting is April 24th, 2014.