



City of Amesbury Lakes and Waterways Commission

Meeting Agenda for 8-17-2023 7:00 PM

This meeting will be conducted under the Act Extending Certain COVID-19 Measures Adopted During the State of Emergency, signed into law on June 16, 2021 by Governor Baker.

Location: Virtual

Dial in: +1 323-457-5649,,819252982# **Phone Conference ID:** 819 252 982#

To submit a public comment, you can email the chair ahead of time tpmpmurphy@gmail.com or dial-in to the meeting.

I. Administrative Business

A. Call to Order

B. Provide for minutes

C. Review of past minutes (June 2023)

II. Engineer's update

A. New Director of DPW, Joseph Buckley invited

B. Status of City Engineer?

C. Water levels and dam status.

III. Harbormaster Update (None)

IV. Conservation Commission Activity Update

V. Current Business

A. Membership status

1. Current Status

a) Chair?

b) Review status of commission members

2. One Full and one Associate Vacancies

B. 604b Grant Status

1. No field visits yet?

2. Status Report?(Cindy)

3. Site Visits: Identifying areas of concern status

C. Open Spaces Ad hoc Committee Update (Tom V)

1. Update status of project.

D. Solar Farm Proposal affecting Lake Attitash and Meadowbrook Pond

1. Our response letter

2. Planning board outcome? (Cindy)

VI. New Business

VII. Future Business

- A. Lakes and Waterways Mission Review
 - 1. Develop foundation for water body assessment based on historical data
 - 2. Recommend projects and priorities to Mayor
- B. With ConComm—Home owners’ guidelines (pointing to resources)
- C. Harbormaster
 - 1. City has advertised for Harbormaster.**
 - 2. Harbor Management Plan
 - 3. Public Dock on Merrimac
 - 4. Status of Fee collection
- VIII. Waterbodies Status
 - A. Catch Basin and MS4 issues (erosion, illicit discharges, oil and chemical spills, sewage)**
 - B. Merrimac River
 - 1. Sewer Overflow efforts status (Infrastructure Bill)
 - 2. PFAS Tracking (Local, State, National)
 - C. Powow River
 - 1. Water Quality Testing issue
 - D. Lake Gardner**
 - 1. Lake Gardner Improvement Association updates
 - 2. Beach Renovation Update**
 - 3. water quality issues**
 - E. Lake Attitash Association and Lake Status**
 - 1. Update on LAA run-off capture project.**
 - 2. Status of weed control program.**
 - 3. Other projects**
 - F. Clarks Pond**
 - 1. Water Chestnut pulling completed.**
 - G. Tuxbury Pond
 - H. Meadowbrook Pond**
 - 1. See V. D.**
 - I. Patten’s Pond
 - J. Park Pond
 - K. Bailey Pond
- IX. Review Action Items**

Next meeting: September 21, 2023