



Lakes and Waterways Meeting Minutes – February 25, 2016

Location: DPW Building, 39 South Hunt Road

Members Present: Chairman Bruce Georgian, Joe Spencer, Tom Murphy, Matt Chapin, Alex Pooler

Director of Public Works: Rob Desmarais

Meeting began at 6:30 PM.

1. **Review of past minutes.**
 - a. January minutes approved unanimously.
2. **Engineer's update (Rob)**
 - a. Water levels for most structures are at normal pool.
 - b. Watershed Management Plan update. Watershed Management Plan is on hold until NHESP study is complete. Study expected to start in July. Conservation Commission will require a peer review of the study before acting on the findings.
 - c. Most structures were cleaned/cleared of debris prior to recent storm.
3. **Membership and Officers.**
 - a. Nothing new to report.
4. **Lake Attitash.**
 - a. Merrimac Board of Selectmen scheduled to appear before Amesbury Conservation Commission on 3/7/16. Several members of L&W are willing to attend.
 - b. Discussion about the snowmobile that fell through ice last winter. No one is aware of the current status.
5. **Merrimack River**
 - a. Whittier Bridge contractor tried to amend NOI – Conservation Commission not receptive to amendment. Contractor may have to resubmit the NOI.
6. **Lake Gardner**
 - a. Rob says the City will probably not be getting granite for bridge piers from Whittier Project. May have to redesign or request an extension if still unsure by March 11 Conservation Commission meeting.
 - b. Grant is due June 30.
 - c. Bruce asks about digitizing weed watch data. Rob still working on CADD/GIS file. Will send to Joe once complete.
 - d. No LGA updates.
7. **Clarks Pond.**
 - a. CPA looking to conduct as many weed pulling activities as possible this year. Details to come. Rob confirms that DPW can pick up pulled weeds if they are left in an accessible location.
 - b. CPA still working on incorporation and non-profit status.
 - c. Tom will explore 604(b) grant to support studies (veg and wildlife assessments).
8. **Tuxbury Pond.**
 - a. No winter damage observed.
 - b. Overrun with weeds.
9. **Baily Pond.**



- a. Nothing new.

10. Pow Wow/Volunteering.

- a. Alex is looking into COAST SWEEP as a possible volunteer opportunity.

11. Misc.

- a. Website has been updated to include new members and meeting minutes.
- b. Bruce spoke to Jonathan Sherwood about his interest in creating an open space committee and relayed that L&W is open to assisting on tasks related to open space.
- c. Bruce would like to review the Amesbury Waterbody Assessment and update/revised as needed.

12. February Meeting. It will be held on March 24.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM

Submitted by

Joe Spencer