

November 21, 2023, Meeting of the Hinsdale Lake Management Committee: Meeting Minutes

Town of Hinsdale, MA

In-Person Meeting at Town Hall with Remote Access via Zoom

Members Present at Town Hall: Monica Montferret (MM), Duane Bruce (DB)

Members Present via Zoom: Heather Lee (HL), Bill Logue (BL), Cynthia Grippaldi (CG)

Public Present at Town Hall: none

Public Present via Zoom: Fred Wang (FW), Eric Goidel (EG), Marie Cole (MC)

MM opened the meeting at 4:03pm. BL moved to accept the minutes of the September meeting. CG seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Plunkett Reservoir:

MM noted that CEI has been selected to prepare the engineering report/recommendations for the Plunkett dam spillway. Once the report is completed (by February of 2024), the Town will apply for a grant to fund the work.

EG asked if the committee would like to hear a presentation from a company that produces electric power with generators that utilize water that flows from dams and spillways. The committee agreed that the presentation would be worth hearing.

Drawdown: The Conservation Commission is handling the drawdown. MM will ask the Commission who will monitor lake levels once the drawdown is completed.

Camp Letter: Several suggestions were made to improve the draft letter. DB will incorporate the suggestions and circulate to the committee a revised draft.

Ashmere Lake

The committee continues to receive expressions of concern about activities at Berkshire Lake Camp-activities not in accord with a camp for children. MM noted that the Planning Committee will be reviewing the zoning regulations relating to commercial summer camps.

Use of winter bubblers: The Conservation Commission indicated some time ago that it would check to determine how the Pittsfield Conservation Commission regulates bubblers, but its current position is

that Mass DEP should create policies regarding bubblers rather than burdening each town with generating regulations. MM said she would check with DEP.

Storm Water: Storm drains on dirt roads fill up quickly, and the town DPW does not think towns generally clean them. MM will check on the SOP manual she remembers seeing when storm drains were installed at Ashmere.

Next Issue of the newsletter will contain the latest report from Solitude and an article on wake boats.

Open committee member position: EG expressed his willingness to join the LMC, but asked that we determine if a full-time town resident is interested in the position.

Our December meeting will be on Tuesday, December 19 at 4:00pm.

There being no other items to discuss, BL motioned that we adjourn at 5:55pm; HL seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Duane Bruce, Secretary