

January 16, 2024, Meeting of the Hinsdale Lake Management Committee: Meeting Minutes

Town of Hinsdale, MA

In-Person Meeting at the 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), Matt Goggin (MG)

Public Present at Town Hall: none

Public Present via Zoom: none

MM opened the meeting at 4:06pm. MM suggested that the December minutes include among Public Present via Zoom, the individuals who gave and responded to the presentation on generating electricity at the Plunkett Dam. BL moved that the December minutes be approved with the addition suggested by MM. HL seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

MM noted that the Select Board has appointed Brian Diorio to the Lake Management Committee.

MM noted that she forwarded to the Conservation Commission and Select Board the video showing the open water around a bubbler being used at Ashmere. The Conservation Commission is looking for guidance from DEP concerning bubblers. It is not likely that the Select Board would support the introduction of a town bylaw governing bubblers.

The water level at Ashmere has been high. This may be the result of a section of dock blocking the spillway. MM has contacted the DCR official who is responsible for Ashmere.

High water levels have been a county-wide problem this winter due to the frequent rainstorms. Those in charge of maintaining water levels should be encouraged to be flexible in determining the impact of storms on water levels.

Solitude has submitted its year- end report for Plunkett and Ashmere. Solitude recommends the use of Procella COR at Plunkett. Cost concerns are keeping the Select Board from authorizing the use of Procella COR, but it may be that we can use the Solitude recommendation to garner support for funding the use of Procella COR.

Planning for the spillway at Plunkett should be completed this month. The Select Board has tentatively scheduled a meeting at the Plunkett Dam to review the Gen H proposal. MM will forward information about the meeting when she receives it.

MM is working on the next issue of the newsletter. It will include information about lake levels, the Solitude Report, and a reminder that the Planning Board has scheduled a public meeting to discuss several issues, including commercial summer camps.

At 5:25pm HL moved to adjourn; BL seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Duane Bruce, Secretary