

March 19, 2024, Meeting of the Hinsdale Lake Management Committee: Meeting Minutes

Town of Hinsdale, MA

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

Members Present at Town Hall: Monica Montferret (MM), Duane Bruce (DB), Matt Goggin (MG), Brian Diorio (BD)

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

Public Present via Zoom: Fred Wang (FW)

MM opened the meeting at 4:06pm. She noted that because DB was unable to access the Zoom recording of the March 12 meeting, she reviewed his draft of the meeting minutes in light of the recording and made a couple of small additions. She said she would review the minutes again and then submit them for posting. DB moved to accept the minutes of the March 12 meeting; BD seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Concerning the NOI for Plunkett, MM said that Caleb Mitchell is prepared to deal with the orders of condition at the April meeting of the Conservation Commission.

Plunkett Dam and Spillway: MM has received no new information about the engineering report.

Gen H: MM has no new information about Gen H's plans for Belmont and Plunkett. BL noted that Gen H would be unable to generate much power from the Plunkett spillway; however, because the Gen H system returns the water it uses, there is no loss of water involved in the Gen H system. Our understanding is that FEMA becomes involved when Gen H uses a water body. Whether FEMA involvement would be good or bad for Plunkett is an open question.

Town 2025 Budget for the Lake Management Committee: MM has not received any updates from Bob Graves. It may be that he is waiting for Solitude to provide him with cost estimates.

Next Issue of the Newsletter: we discussed including more information on invasives and including the document we are currently developing on Guidelines for the use of aerators. This presentation of the document would be followed by a Lake Management Committee sponsored public meeting on the Guidelines.

Guidelines for the Use of Aerators: We had a lengthy discussion of the draft of the document, in the course of which multiple changes-some minor, some more significant-were suggested. We discussed at length what the tone of the document should be. HL edited as we discussed. Our goal is to finalize the document at our April meeting.

There being no additional business to discuss, we adjourned at 5:55pm.

Duane Bruce, Secretary