

**Lake Beseck Environment Committee
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 27, 2023**

Present: Rick Santos, Lisa McCabe, Aleta Cromac

Topic/Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
Opening	Meeting opened at 7:10pm Minutes reviewed. Aleta made a motion to approve minutes. Lisa seconded. All agreed.	
Public comment	No public present	
Status of Herbicide Treatment	With treatment of milfoil, native aquatic plants have been more present, including clasping-leaf pondweed. They are not invasive, are considered good for the lake, and have minimal effect on the recreational value of the lake. We are likely to see plants that were not allowed to thrive due to excessive milfoil now growing. We do not want the invasive plant life to take over – such as the curly-leaf pondweed. Will monitor plant-life in future surveys.	
Six-foot Drawdown	DEEP set up a computerized program for timing of the drawdown. Information about the draw down for our lake was programmed in the first year of implementation. This should allow for a more streamlined process. We should be on the State's schedule for drawdown by November 1.	
Seeking available grants	Rick would like to investigate the availability of additional grants to address invasive aquatic species in our lake. Will discuss further at the next meeting when we have a quorum.	
New initiatives	Algae seems a primary concern <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Prevention strategies include treating the lake to remove phosphorus<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Buffer bags would need to go down in early spring○ Need to plan a budget	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Retaining walls that prevent erosion and runoff ● Plantings over a wide swathe to absorb nutrients before water gets to lake ● Keep leaves and grass clippings out of culverts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Rick will put a notice on Facebook and in Town Times encouraging residents to avoid such actions. ● Messages on sewer grates, for example "What goes in here goes in lake" 	
Speed limit sign	The sign will be removed from the Lakeview Estates following a vote to that effect by the homeowners.	
Recruitment	We would like to see more members as part of our group. Rick will post a recruitment message on Facebook. Other ideas are welcome.	
Selectman Report (via text)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Contractor's checklist needs to be completed before detour signs for culvert can come down. ● A STEAP grant for \$500,000 was received for the Laurel Brook pump station, and Mattabeseck pump station, and numerous grinder pumps (turtle pumps). ● A position for a building official is being posted. There is at least one candidate at present. ● Town Charter revisions will be posted next week on the Town website for public review. 	
Adjournment	Meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm	

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa McCabe