

Lake Beseck Environment Committee

February 24, 2021

Minutes

(Not approved at time of filing)

1. **ZOOM** Meeting called to order by Richard Santos

2. **Roll Call:** Present were Richard Santos, Amy Poturnicki, Rob Poturnicki, Craig Lundell, Kathy Kukowski, and Randy Bernotas.

Due to Corona Virus this meeting was held through ZOOM.

3. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes as published was made by Rob Poturnicki, seconded by Craig Lundell and approved by all.

4. No **Public comment**

5. **Discussion of drawdown and testing instrument for testing lakebed. Sensors installed 01/21/21**

Rick Santos received raw data from the sensor's installed from Greg Bugby.

Looking at the data Rick determined the information is due to moisture in the lake bed. Rich compared temperatures from last year to this new information. The discussion about temperatures continued.

Discussion about the dam was started. Rob said the boards are at 3 ft. however, the pressure valve is not open enough to allow the correct amount of water through.

Randy suggested they have DEEP Representatives with them when the drawdown happens in the fall. Discussions continued. Rob feels they need to apply pressure to the DEEP to properly do the drawdown. Amy suggested they start applying pressure now before the next drawdown. DEEP needs to figure out what's wrong and how to fix it. This should be a group effort to work with the DEEP.

6. **DEEP Grant**

The Town of Middlefield applied for a grant for ramp monitoring and education programs to keep weeds out of the lake from outside boats coming into the lake. Rick feels the grant will help provide information to educate people about the rules of the lake.

7. **Boat wash station**

A discussion about a boat washing station was started. Rob spoke about the one at his slip in another location. There are concerns about where the water will come from and go to, drainage, debris etc.

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8. Boat signs

Placement of the signs was discussed. The road crew for the town will install the signs. Four (4) signs were ordered. They will be placed at Rovers (Baileyville Rd), the boat launch, the beach (Lake Shore Dr) and the south end of the lake at the last cottage on Mattabeseck Rd. The committee would like the signs to be placed before the season starts.

9. Friends of the Lake

Rick, Jim, and Craig are part of a focus group. Rob feels the spring will bring more participants for discussions. Possible topics were discussed. Randy asked about inviting an acquaintance from Lake and Pond Management in Brookfield to a meeting. Everyone thought this was a good idea and maybe the April meeting would be a good time frame if person is agreeable.

Craig suggested posting shorter informational items on the site to hold people's interest in the beginning. Kathy Kukowski will send Rick a link to help market the site.

10. Selectmen's Report Ed was not present

11. Miscellaneous:

Next meeting will be March 24 and April 28.

12. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn at was made by Craig Lundell, seconded by Randy Bernotas and approved by all.