

Lake Beseck Environment Committee

June 23, 2021

Minutes

(Not approved at time of filing)

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

2. **Roll Call:** Present were Richard Santos, Amy Poturnicki, Rob Poturnicki, Lisa McCabe, Ed Bailey, Aleta Cromack, Hannah Malcolm and Craig Lundell.

Larry Marsicano (AER) was present as invited guest.

Due to Corona Virus this meeting was held through ZOOM.

3. Approval of Minutes: Minutes approved as published

4. **Public comment** None

5 and 6. Observations by Larry Marsicano of AER from recent Lake visit

Larry saw a bumper crop of aquatic plants. He is encouraging they pick an area to watch the secchi transparency and monitor it closely. A site visit near the beach where there has been more activity would be the best location if possible. He suggested an app and website they can monitor data in. Larry noted several invasive plants as well on his visit. He spoke about some herbicides that are having positive effects.

Amy spoke about needing a study this year before applying for a permit to treat next

Larry will contact Mark for a game plan for the study. The discussion continued.

Rick asked the committee where do they stand with treatments. Larry spoke about cutters for the native plants as opposed to chemical treatments. Craig asked if they harvested the weeds and brought them to the parking lot would the Town dispose of them. Rick asked if it should be the decision of the lakefront owners to remove the weeds themselves and what would be the consequences. Rob stated there have been several attempts brought before the DEEP that have been well documented in the event the DEEP should be paying attention and ticket such actions. The Town has invested a tremendous amount of time and money following the DEEP guidelines to no avail. Amy is very concerned about the south end of the lake before it starts spreading. Permits for treating are usually good for longer periods of time now about 2 years.

Rick wanted to know if Mark should come do part of the Lake or the whole Lake. It was suggested they do the whole lake since the permit is good for a longer period of time.

Lisa McCabe asked about using herbicides with eh effect on people. Larry addressed the question. She also asked what the State's responsibility was regarding the weeds and water condition with several chuckles Larry responded.

Motion to have Mark come to do a study on the lake was made by Amy seconded by Rob

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After clarification was satisfied,

All were in favor motion carried

Larry will submit a proposal. He will leave the meeting at this time.

7. Launch Monitor Training

Rick, Jim and Hannah took a class about invasive species and how they transport. We received a grant and hired a boat launch monitor. There is a check list he will present and reports will be given to the state. It appears to be a successful effort, despite DEEP co-operation.

Hannah has ordered some swag to give out at the launch to help with the awareness effort. Ed Bailey was recognized for all his efforts in helping support the Lake. Ed stated that the culvert on Lake shore Dr will be repaired reducing sediment draining into the Lake. He continued to discuss state roadblocks and procedures.

8. AER Facebook Educational Pieces

Rick would like to have Larry get some project packages for Friends of the Lake Facebook page. It will cost \$200.00 for each post a total of 6. Other options are available. Amy suggested starting with hydrilla for this fiscal budget.

Some other topics they would like to address are Lake Smart Living, drawdowns, bacteria, Secchi Disk, and Blue Green Algae which Craig would like in laymen's terms.

Motion to do al-a-cart subjects was made by Rob, seconded by Amy and approved by all.

9. Lake Smart Program:

A Plaque was ordered and it will be mounted on the 1936 monument at the beach. Park and Rec will be responsible for getting it mounted.

10. AIS Training

Discussion about informative programs such as identifying weed, plants and endangered species was pursued. It was suggested this be done in April or May next year.

11. Boat Speed Limit Sign

A discussion about the status of the speed signs was started. DEEP took the posted sign. Randy will be asked to follow up.

12. Selectmen's Report

Covid report was given. There have been no new cases reported in Middlefield in 3 weeks. Vaccine stations will soon be shutting down. The Town Budget was approved and taxes have been reduced. The Town is in good financial shape. Work is being done on roads. There is work that needs to be done at the firehouse. We got an electronic transfer to spend on water and sewer and economic recovery.

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13. Miscellaneous:

Nothing new to report

14. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made by Rick seconded by Craig and approved by all.