

Littleton Clean Lakes Committee Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the 7PM, December 3rd, 2002 meeting taken by Leon Weaver

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jon Folsom at the Operations Center at 39 Ayer Road, Littleton, Massachusetts.

Attendees: Jon Folsom, Savas Danos, Steve Foss, Steve Sussman, Ruddy Ham, Chuck Bush and Leon Weaver.

Minutes from our LCLC meetings of September 3, 2002 and November 5, 2002 were accepted.

Long Lake

The Committee reviewed a storm water runoff sample analysis done by Thorstensen Laboratory, Inc. This sampling and analysis establishes a baseline we'll use during future sampling to determine to what degree nutrient and sediment runoff into the lake have been mitigated. A discussion ensued concerning automatic monitoring methods of runoff. This could be expensive at perhaps between \$60,000 to \$100,000.

We reviewed an "Application and Certificate for Payment" from Cali Corp. for \$61,900. This bill was paid, less 10% held back, or the sum of \$55,710. There was subsequent discussion concerning whether bark mulch removal and head wall work had been completed per claims in this bill. Committee members will clarify whether this work has been completed satisfactorily.

We also reviewed a memo from Cali Corp. to GeoSyntec dated November 18, 2002 concerning "Wetlands Reconstruction in Long Lake", which summarized work progress. Attached to this memo was an e-mail from Marcus Quigley to Savas Danos stating GeoSyntec's summary of work and current issues for the Wetland Construction Project. A salient point of discussion arose as a result of the committee's review of this e-mail in regards to quantities of materials to be removed during excavation of the wetland.

GeoSyntec thought it would be in the Town's interest to conduct an initial topo survey of the site to document pre and post conditions and thus be able to more accurately gage the quantity of materials removed. Cost of removal of this excavated material is on a per cubic yard bases so, it made sense to consider this suggestion. However, the cost of a more exacting survey that would allow the Town to more precisely calculate the quantity of removed material removed, might not produce any cost savings, given the initial calculations from a rough survey are probably already "ballpark". Savas Danos will contact GeoSyntec to more thoroughly explore reasons why we might want to do this survey.

We reviewed an additional e-mail from Marcus Quigley dated 12/03/02 concerning Wetlands Construction. Marcus again mentioned the opportunity to more accurately survey the area requiring excavation and removal of materials. Since GeoSyntec would be taking additional point elevations as the work progressed, Marcus wanted to know if we thought the Town would like to augment this survey work, again, to be able to more accurately calculate the amount of material to be removed.

The committee reviewed a memo from Marcus Quigley (GeoSyntec) dated 11/7/02 concerning the discovery of a 12" drain found by Cali during recent work. Their recommendation was that, rather than building a headwall for both a 3" and newly discovered 12" drains, we could just drain these two catch basins at the bottom of Lake Drive into the wetlands park directly. This was deemed acceptable by the committee.

Spectacle Pond

Gerry Smith (Aquatic Control Technology, Inc.) e-mailed Savas concerning permitting for "Aquatic Management Program at Spectacle Pond". Gerry will be assembling and filing a Notice of Intent (NOI) with both the Littleton and Ayer Conservation Commissions. Estimated cost of this piece of the work is \$1,500 (includes attending one public hearing for each Conservation Commission and the mailing of notices to pond abutters). This bill has been OKed. Leon Weaver will acquire a list of abutters for both towns and forward this information on to Gerry for the required mailings.

Savas gave Leon a copy of an Amicus Brief supporting reversal of a district court decision from the First Circuit court (The Honorable Joseph L. Tauro) regarding the courts recent decision in Guilford Transportation Industries, Inc. vs. Town of Ayer. This brief was filed by legal representatives of the Conservation Law Foundation, Town of Littleton Water Department and The National League of Cities.

Mill Pond

Waiting on Army Corps of Engineers design information.

Additional information

Meeting adjourned at 8:45PM.

Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for the 1st Tuesday in January, or 1/7/2003.

Minutes accepted as written by unanimous vote Wednesday, January 8, 2003.

Jonathan Folsom
CLC Chairman

