

Littleton Clean Lakes Committee (LCLC) Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the 7:00PM, April 8th 2008 meeting

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

Attendees: Jon Folsom, Dan Lord, Susan Silberberg, Steve Sussman, Savas Danos, Chuck Bush and Leon Weaver.

Committee minutes from our November 27th, 2007 meeting were reviewed and unanimously accepted by attendees.

Savas updates

Savas tabled an agenda for the meeting outlining major areas for discussion.

We reviewed the work in progress regarding RFP for Spot Herbicide Treatment at Spectacle Pond, Long Lake and Newtown Pond. We're missing post treatment reports from Aquatic Control Technologies for previous treatments. Hopefully Gerry Smith will provide these in the near future. This RFP also addresses draw down of Spectacle Pond via benthic siphoning.

Got an update on Rain Barrel sales. These things are going like hotcakes and Savas will likely be making another haul of barrels soon.

We're looking to fund a Rain Garden effort at Middle School.

Change in monthly LCLC meetings to 2nd Wednesdays of the month through the summer.

Mill Pond

LCLC members are to review the "Mill Pond Phosphorus Load Modeling" document from ESS for our next meeting. The good news is phosphorus levels are down from previous measurements. However, input phosphorus levels to the pond need to be further reduced in order for the Army Corps of Engineers restoration project to achieve USEPA water quality criteria. An excerpt from the ESS document follows:

"It is clear that the efforts by the Town and Veryfine Products, Inc. to improve the quality of water entering Mill Pond have resulted in improvements to the water quality in the pond. However, these efforts have not yet yielded water quality conditions that would result in Mill Pond achieving the USEPA nutrient criteria guidelines. It is clear that more efforts can be made within the watershed or at the pond to achieve this target condition."

Long Lake

There's an RFP for Lake Shore drive rain garden and construction of a dock for kids to tie up their boats. A discussion ensued regarding the merits of making this a floating dock or fixed.

There's a proposal to include an out-house at the beach and preferred placement of same is some distance from the picnic area.

A reminder, the Appleman Triathlon is in July.

The membership briefly discussed control of Loosestrife and Milfoil through the use of beetles.

There will also be a doggy waste station to provide bags for pet feces.

Spectacle Pond

Guilford/Pan Am has contacted Ayer DPW to inform the town they'll probably be moving forward with a project on Pan Am property just off Willow Road (Sandy Flats). It appears they'll want to have water and sewer hookup for the project. Pan Am will tear down the existing building onsite and construct two smaller buildings. It's still not clear if Pan Am will follow through with constructing an auto unloading facility per previous plans or whether there is some other project waiting in the wings. It's not known which auto maker's products will be offloaded, if Pan Am in fact will be moving forward with the auto unloading facility. Rob Hartz will be contacting major auto-makers to determine which one might be contracting with Pan Am.

Savas is submitting an RFP for benthic siphoning as Spectacle Pond Association has requested we look into draw down on the pond to control invasive aquatic plants. The pond has no level control at the outlet, so siphoning is being investigated as a means to lower the level of the pond in the winter.

The public boat launch just off route 119 is once again badly rutted. Leon Weaver to get back to Savas about what is needed to rejuvenate this public access to the pond.

Lake Matawanakee

Chuck Bush gave us a brief update on draw down work on the pond. This has not gone as well as planned due to the very wet winter and spring.

Leon Weaver invited Chuck Bush to attend a May 10th SPA meeting to share draw down experiences on Matawanakee as SPA may be doing draw down in the future if siphoning is feasible on Spec. Pond.

Additional information

Meeting adjourned at 8:35PM

Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for May 14th.