

Minutes of the Clean Lakes Committee
Wednesday, May 13, 2009

The Committee convened at the Operations Center at 39 Ayer Road in Littleton, Massachusetts

Members present: Jon Folsom Savas Danos
Leon Weaver Steven Sussman
Susan Silberberg

Chairman Folsom called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

The minutes of the April 21, 2009 meeting were approved unanimously.

Spectacle Pond

Savas reported on plans by the railroad companies to proceed with construction of an automobile offload facility in Ayer. The operation of such a facility threatens the Spectacle Pond aquifer that serves Ayer and Littleton. Due to the limited jurisdiction of both town and state, there is little that can be done to influence this activity.

Long Lake

The construction of a new tight tank septic installation at Long Lake has been postponed until later this year due to lack of funds in the CLC cell tower accounts. The chemical treatment discussed below will consume most of the current balance. Additional expenditures must wait for replenishment of the account by future revenues.

Chemical treatment for aquatic plant control

The committee reviewed proposals by two bidders (Lycott Environmental Inc. and Aquatic Control Technology Inc.) to conduct multi-year chemical treatment of Long Lake and Spectacle Pond. Clarification was required on several issues before contractor selection could be completed. Based on the questions raised at the meeting Savas subsequently prepared the following inquiry to the bidders:

Long Pond:

Based on your proposal, estimate the total number of acres of treatment necessary to control Fanwort in Long Lake with a 80% removal guarantee?

How will the 80% removal be estimated and when?

In your year two and three treatment – if necessary – are you estimating treatment to 80% or for the remaining 20% (or some margin of what remains) that may go untreated in 2009? Please explain your rationale and cost estimate.

How many acres of Milfoil and curly leaf pond weed do you estimate will need to be treated in 2009?

Spectacle Pond:

Based on your proposal, please estimate how many acres of treatment will be necessary to control Fanwort with an 80% removal guarantee?

If we cannot afford 80% removal guarantee, please provide a plan for spot treatment – what locations and total number of acres to be treated?

If option # 2 is chosen, would whole shoreline treatment be recommended in 2010, if so how many acres of treatment would this entail?
How many acres of Milfoil do you estimate will need treatment in 2009?

The bidders' responses will be distributed to the committee by email with the expectation of a rapid turnaround and contract award.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Steven Sussman, Secretary pro temp