

Minutes of the Clean Lakes Committee
Tuesday, March 13, 2007

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

Members present: Jon Folsom Savas Danos
Leon Weaver Steven Sussman
Eliot Putnam

Chairman Folsom called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. There were no minutes to review and it is suggested that moving forward the minutes of future meetings should be sent out within a week of the actual meeting.

We began with a review/discussion of the kits that Savas had pulled together for marking catch basins to try and mitigate or eliminate dumping of anything foreign into the catch basins. The kits have brushes to clean an area next to the catch basins, and then there is adhesive to put onto the markers that are then placed as close to the basin as is feasible. Timing for this project is closer to May as there may still be plowing and it is best to do after the streets have been swept.

Savas brought up the rain barrels and the CLC initiative to offer them to residents for a reduced cost. Effort will need to be made to continue this program alive and let residents know it is available to everyone, not just people around the ponds.

Hugh Knox has donated his land in Mill Pond. The town will receive the land earmarked as available for "general use" to be useable if and when the Mill Pond project gets underway.

Very Fine has indicated they are going to give us the data we need regarding the water they use. Savas also discussed the need to do our own sampling of the waters around the watershed of Mill Pond. The project to monitor the water is set for Spring Summer and Fall of 2007. As part of this project the CLC unanimously voted to accept the proposal from ESS to help with the monitoring/analysis of Mill Pond's current state.

Savas then mentioned a call he received regarding a proposal to use new technologies to scan from above the town lakes. This is a plane that uses this new technology to scan the lakes from above and show where there may be areas of concern that are not clearly visible at ground level. The cost is over \$16,000 but could be shared with other towns if interested. This may be in the works for next year.

Two more rain gardens are in the works. There is also an idea afloat to create a large rain garden around the new Middle School. There is even interest by the Country Gardeners group to make the rain garden viable for butterflies. Savas is moving ahead to get numbers for consideration.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.