

**Lost Lake Sewer Committee
Meeting Minutes
Thursday April 18, 2013**

Present: Dr. Suzan Horowitz, Board of Health
Jack Petropoulos, Selectman
Tom Orcutt, Water / Sewer Superintendent
Jay Prager, Finance Committee

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM

In review of our last meeting we discussed M Deugers input, specifically:

The measurable effects (if any) of the elevated pollutants observed in Lost Lake in 1989 should be available in the Well water testing history. That (measured) groundwater has long since moved well past the well source.

The cyclical growth and die off of weeds tends to create peaks and valleys in nutrient levels. The absence of weeds as a result of sonar treatment will tend to flatten the cyclical levels but should not change the overall average level.

Susan will ask S. Danos to attend our next meeting to advise on water quality testing.

We discussed doing water tests in conjunction with the Water Department's Sonar testing program. We determined that we could not conduct tests that would meet the standard of scrutiny that could be applied in the future.

We were unable to reach agreement with the Water Department on a shared testing program. Their results will be public, though the protocol is designed to meet their needs and not necessarily ours and so therefore may not be of value.

The need for water testing was discussed. The discussion included insistence that whatever testing we approved must meet the test of expert analysis in order to be seen as valid by both Town Meeting and by entities such as DEP and industry experts such as Woodard and Curran. There was discussion of the urgency of getting baseline testing done prior to the killoff of weeds by the pending Sonar Treatment which is scheduled to begin at the end of April. Mr. Orcutt noted that, though the testing will begin in late April the weed dieoff will occur throughout the summer, implying that our ability to get baseline testing may not hinge on the first treatment date in late April.

The Committee moved to authorize the expenditure of up to \$20,000 to get baseline testing and the motion was approved. Upon further consideration the approval was removed in deference to having Woodard and Curran advise on a more comprehensive protocol. Woodard and Curran will be asked by Mr. Orcutt to attend our meeting on May 2 and discuss water testing. We will use this meeting to

determine our testing strategy. Mr. Danos' input will be valuable if he is able to attend.

The Committee asked Mr. Orcutt to secure reliable estimates of the cost of treating Whitney Well for Nitrates should contamination be detected. We agreed that we did not want to allow this state to occur but determined that it would we would be best served by having a reasonably accurate cost estimate.

The topic of assuring that we did not miss a requirement to retain our Interbasin Transfer was raised. No one on the Committee was certain of the need to have periodic measurements done and how that need related to our ability to preserve the Interbasin Transfer permission that we had attained. Mr. Petropoulos will ask Mr. Haddad to secure a firm assessment of this requirement and cost from Woodard and Curran.

Mrs Horwitz will schedule an appearance before the Board of Health so that we can have access to its agent to ask questions about private waste water disposal issues. This meeting will happen sometime after the BOH's next date which is May 6.

We confirmed that our next meeting is Thursday May 2 at 7:00 PM and set another meeting date for Thursday May 23 at 7:00 PM.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM