

Lost Lake Watershed Advisory Committee (LLWAC)

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Meeting Minutes - October 23, 2014

At Town Hall

Present: Mark Deuger, Tom Orcutt (Groton Water Dept.), John Petropoulos (BOS), Arthur Prest (Finance Comm.)

Absent: Susan Horowitz BOH), Michael Rosa

Recorder: Stephen Legge

Call to Order: Chairman Prest called the meeting to order at 6:42 PM.

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

Petropoulos moved to accept draft minutes for the September 25th, 2014, meeting. Orcutt seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Upcoming Town Meeting Article

The LLWAC article for outside consulting funding by the town has not yet been brought to the floor at Town Meeting.

General Discussion on How to Move Forward with Planning

Prest passed out Revision 3 of the LLWAC Plan, dated October 16, 2014 (2 pages). Prest also passed out Revision 3 of the Lost Lake /Knops Pond Situation Analysis, dated October 18, 2014 (12 pages).

Orcutt reported that the Nashua River Watershed Association had offered to come to the committee's meeting to discuss their experience with water quality monitoring on December 11th.

Prest passed out a letter Petropoulos had drafted for consideration regarding how to introduce the committee to outside consultants inviting their interest in talking to us and asking for expert comment on the committee's direction. There was discussion about how consultants would perceive such a letter and whether the outcomes would be in the town's best interest.

Tom Orcutt suggested developing an RFI (Request for Information) and getting the town manager's approval for it prior to issuance. He also proposed the town manager may be helpful assisting in writing the RFI. A form of Petropoulos' letter may be used in conjunction

with the RFI. Orcutt was asked to approach the Town Manager to discuss the best course of action, with the idea to solicit interest and informal expert advice from outside.

Deuger commented we may wish to talk to Mass DEP and possibly the Town of Harvard about their work on Bare Hill Pond (report passed out at 10/16/14 meeting).

Other Topics:

Discussion took place regarding what fertilizer is used at the Groton Country Club, and what should be used. Deuger offered to research these questions.

Adjournment:

Petropoulos moved to adjourn, Prest seconded. Unanimous agreement. The meeting was adjourned at 7:21 PM.

**** The next meeting will be in two weeks on Thursday, November 6th ****