

Lost Lake Watershed Advisory Committee (LLWAC)

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Meeting Minutes - July 27, 2015

At Town Hall

Present: Mark Deuger, Susan Horowitz (BOH), John Petropoulos (BOS), Arthur Prest (Finance Comm.), Michael Rosa, Alex Woodle

Not present: Tom Orcutt (Groton Water Dept.),

Visitors: none

Recorder: Stephen Legge

Call to Order: Chairman Prest called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

New member, Alex Woodle, approved by the Board of Selectmen last week, was welcomed to the committee.

Approval of Minutes:

Rosa moved the minutes of July 16, 2015 be approved as written. Petropoulos seconded. The minutes were approved 5-0 with one abstention by Woodle.

Discussion of Request for Proposal (RFP) Draft to be Issued by the Committee:

Revision 4, passed out by Prest at the meeting, was discussed.

Woodle: the rewrite of the Scope of Services, Section 4.0, is good. Woodle, Petropoulos and Deuger each had minor comments on the wording in Section 3.0, Project Description.

Rosa recommended that the organization awarded the work also be available for evening meetings with the Board of Selectmen, Town Meeting and/or as required by the LLWAC, under Deliverables in Section 4.0.

Rosa moved the RFP draft be accepted by the committee as amended this evening. Petropoulos seconded. The motion was approved unanimously. Prest will make the changes in wording agreed upon. It was noted that the Town Manager will insert the appropriate deadline dates when the issue date is more firmly fixed.

Other Business:

It is expected that the RFP will be issued sometime in mid-August with a 30 day period for response.

Prest announced that approximately 40 acres in Lost Lake and Knops Pond were spot treated with Diquat last week. He observed that milfoil is dying and “looks bad” right now.

Woodle recommended two articles to the committee he has recently found dealing with the toxicity of algae (cyanotoxin) to people and animals. He declares them quite informative and will share links on the internet. Woodle also commented that toxic algae is a big problem in water bodies all over the country, but is not such a big issue in Lost Lake or Knops Pond. We are fortunate, apparently, in this one regard.

Horowitz commented that the Nashoba Board of Health is testing Sargisson Beach, Grotonwood and Baby Beach on a weekly basis for E.coli.

There was some brief discussion of boat launch sites and their connection to the spread of foreign species to our waters. Prest stated that our problems with weeds began around the time the public boat launches were established.

Adjournment:

Rosa moved the meeting be adjourned. Woodle seconded. The meeting was adjourned with unanimous consent at 7:37 PM.

**** The next meeting is expected to be scheduled sometime in mid-September, after RFP responses have been received. ****