

Stockbridge Bowl Stewardship Committee  
Friday August 6, 2021

Present: Jamie Minacci, Roxanne McCaffrey, Gary Kleiner, Michael Nathan, Charlie Kenny, Mike Buffoni, members of the public. Absent: John Loiodice, Gary Johnston and Jim Wilusz. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Minacci at 8:00 a.m.

Open Meeting & Announcements – JM discussed open meeting laws and meetings have to be posted 48 hours before if they are being conducted outside of the town hall.

Approve Minutes from Meeting of 07/16/2021 – There were no meeting minutes to approve.

Agenda Items to Discuss: by those present:

Boat Ramp Updates/Zebra Mussel Station – GK informed the committee there was a meeting Tuesday, they discussed parking and the erosion. They think a study needs to be done, they will contact Doug Cameron about this procedure. GK is going to follow up with Doug to make sure this study happens. RM suggested the one big eroded area can be filled with rocks and soil, GK suggested putting ramps leading down into the water. RM discussed how the water run off situation is and it definitely needs to be fixed and the committee can be reimbursed for this work, she also brought up the severe compaction of the soil. The entire parking lot will have to be redone, the tree warden should be called in to look at the trees as some need to be trimmed which will be minimal work. GK mentioned the lake level is down and the state will be coming in the fall to check on the zebra mussels, they will do a study if they are invasive or non-invasive.

Harvesting of Bowl Update – RM discussed how the water is getting ready to be harvested, the harvester was maintained since the last time it was used. The GPS will be permanently installed today, RM will get a file with all of the coordinates. The GPS has a map on it and you can program a route. It was discussed when the harvester will be ready to be put in the lake, they will need a flat bed truck to move it. Pat Kennelly attended the meeting via Zoom, she sent the map to RM for the areas that need to be marked to be done and be allowed to go in all of these areas, these test sites need to be approved on the east side of the lake. RM mentioned that these plants are being trimmed not killed, they need to speak to town counsel on this to get permission. GK wants to adhere to what the DEP is asking them to do, it will harvest the routes that were designated. MN asked GK if they should harvest areas that are potentially the testing areas and avoid them, GK said the DEP will not consider moving the testing sites and they need to preserve these areas. The DEP wants them to have a joint meeting with the conservation commission and the Selectboard about the stem count, June-September 30 is the growing season. RM suggested that a joint meeting can happen with the Conservation Committee and the Selectboard.

Board of Health Updates – CK doesn't have the report yet that measures the level of bacteria in the lake, he will update the committee when he receives it. He also suggested that their meetings continue to be public in the future with public access, the town needs to have access to what's going on. Steve at CTSB affirmed that these meeting will still be aired on channel 1303. CK made a motion to affirm that there should be meeting for people who can't attend, CK first the motion, RM second the motion and they all voted in favor.

Update on Milfoil/Buoys for Test Plot Area(s) – GK reported that there are 3 test areas. The first one being on the NE side of the lake by Tanglewood Beach, 3 markers went in. The second one on the western side by Don Dino's old house, one red marker and one 6 MPH marker. The third is on the Beechwood side with one marker on the western end and a red one in front of the town beach. The markers should be limited out on the water, they are going to start using the 6 MPH signs. MN asked if all the markers are not uniformed, GK said there is red tape and red paint being used to identify them. Red marker means it is a no cut area. GK will be responsible for pulling the markers out for the Josh Billings race in September.

Ongoing Water Samples at Bowl (Updates) – MB noted that water sampling began on July 27, there's no shortage of water with all of rain we have had. Thermaline is at the 10-meter mark, it's normal with no mixing seen. With visual testing they could see down 22', with the samples that were taken they all came back normal. The temp of the lake is 72 degrees, it's low for this time of year.

Discuss the Inclusion of Parks & Recreation on the Commission – MN stated that a few meetings ago they had talked about including them in these meetings, he made a recommendation to invite Steve Knopf to give this committee an overview.

Annual reorganization (Election of Positions in Commission) – JM made a motion to vote Tammy Touponce as Secretary, RM second it and all voted in favor. CK make a motion for JM to remain Chairman, RM second it and all voted in favor. RM made a motion for JL to be Vice Chair, JM and CK second it and all voted in favor. These motions were moved.

There being no other business, Chair Minacci adjourned the meeting at 8:47 a.m. Chair Minacci reminded everyone that the next meeting would be at 8 a.m. on August 20.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Touponce, Secretary August 9, 2021