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FROM THE OFFICE OF THE
CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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MINUTES of MEETING February 13, 2019

To: Selectmen
Board of Health
Building Commissioner
Town Clerk

Present: Chairman Dan Bartkus, Vice Chairman Gary Smith, Members: Tim Sheehan, Robert Gendron
Secretary Susan Kalagher, and Agent Matt Marro

Absent: Carrie Monty

Guest: Dominic Meringolo of Solitude Lake Management, Liz Irvine, Mary & Paul Richnick,
Frank Moryl, John Deline, Mil Mercier, John Mercier, Lee Pelletier, Nick Pelletier, Bob
Marien, Tracey Sarefield, Vincent Posateri, Christine Tree, Gregg Bessette, Steven
Vincent, Diane Vincent

Documents, Plans and other Exhibits

1. Plan – 6 Lake Drive West
2. Plan – Wyman Lake

The meeting was moved to the Selectmen's Chamber due to the large number of people interested in the hearing for Wyman Lake. A sign was left on the door of room 222 notifying guests of the change in location.

Dan Bartkus opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was not being recorded.

Mail and Minutes

Mail was read and distributed

The Minutes of January 31, 2019 were approved.

**AMENDMENT DEP#336-0873
6 Lake Drive West
Bessette**

7:10 pm The Amendment requested by Greg and Denise Bessette for the removal of an old camp and the construction of a new single family home was not opened. Mr. Bessette was present at the time, but did not make himself known to the Commission.

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Wyman Lake Association
Aquatic Herbicide Treatment

7:15 pm. The public hearing requested by Thomas Curran and the Wyman Lake Association for aquatic herbicide treatment of Wyman Lake for non-native plant growth with state registered aquatic herbicides and algaecides was opened. Dominick Maringolo of Solitude Lake Management gave the overview of the plan with the objective of controlling the growth of nuisance and non-native aquatic plant species, to improve or maintain open water habitat, and maintain water quality. The proposed management program is a continuation of previously approved Order of Conditions #336-0438. The applicants are also seeking approval for a winter draw-down and hydro-raking. Restrictions after the applications and the spread of invasive species were discussed. Questions were taken from the audience. Frank Moryl asked about optimal time for the application. Atty. Vinny Pusatari from the City of Fitchburg discussed his concerns with the herbicide/algaecide treatments. Lee Pelletier asked how long it would take if treatment were stopped for the lake to return to its former state and Dominick Maringolo estimated that within 5 years it would be back to the pre management state. Atty. Pusatari and John Deline from the Department of Water for the City of Fitchburg expressed concerns with hazardous chemicals, the location of shallow wells and the watershed. John Deline offered free water testing to those with wells along the lake. They further requested that Fluridone not be used in the treatment plan. The City of Fitchburg sees itself as the owner of Wyman Lake and asked residents present about yearly septic pumping and the use of lawn fertilizers. They would like to bring in their expert, Tim Smith, consultant for the Fitchburg Conservation Commission, to determine water quality data. A draw-down of greater than 3 feet was discussed. Matt Marro suggested that Tom Curran and Lee Pelletier contact Hickory Hills to learn more about the deep aquatic vacuum they are using. Shelly Wells asked about negative impact to the Nashua River Watershed and asked if they were testing the backwash from the filtration plant and the run-off from the ski area. Dominick Maringolo stated that Solitude Lake Management has been hired by DCR to treat portions of the Nashua River. After lengthy discussion the hearing was continued to March 27, 2019 to give Tim Smith an opportunity to review water data. 8:35 pm.

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8:35 pm Mr. Bessette came forward and the Amendment requested for the removal of an old camp and the construction of a new single family home was opened. The Commission reviewed the plan and asked Mr. Bessette to call Matt Marro for the inspection of the silt fence. The Commission unanimously approved the plan with conditions and the public hearing was closed at 8:45 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Bartkus
Chairman
(prepared by Susan Kalagher)