



TOWN OF NORTON

Water Bodies Committee _____ (Committee)

MINUTES

Date: November 5, 2012 _____ Time: 7 pm _____

Location: _1st Floor Meeting Room, Town Hall

Members & Staff Present: _David Lennon, Carol Zwicker, Colleen Ryan, Herb Ellison, Nick Adams, member of sub-committee, Michele Simoneaux, Conservation Commission, Scott Ollerhead, Conservation Commission _____

Members Not Present: Frank Hovey, Joe Mc Farland, Lee Parham

The meeting was called to order at: 7pm _____

Minutes were not accepted due to no quorum of members.

Meeting Motions / Actions and Summary of Discussions:

Discussion regarding RFP and confusion with committee and Selectmen about what committee can actually do. Concern is that committee members need to know more about control methods and members feel we need to be able to talk about various methods with companies to be able to educate ourselves to what is available, what works and why it did or didn't work, and where chemicals or methods were used.

Question was can we talk to representatives without making a commitment, Dave to ask Selectmen.

Colleen suggested that inviting representatives to talk might look like a conflict of interest but felt that we could go to the companies and talk to representatives. Committee needs to format a list of Questions to ask.

Dave to check to see if CoLap has some information we can get from them.

Discussion with Conservation Commission Members and Water Bodies Committee over letting down the water levels and what does winter kill help. Reservoir has dams and could let down water, Winnecunnet has no dams to control, Norton does own the dams on Chartley. How far can waterways be let down, and cost of doing it was discussed.

Chemicals and Sonor PR was discussed. It was used in Norwell and Hingham. Need to know how effective it was and more about the ongoing treatments.

Michele recommended we check State Publications 'Final Generic Impact Report (GEIR) on Eutrophication and Aquatic Plant Management in Massachusetts' (DCR) and The Practical Guide to Lake Management in Massachusetts (A Companion to the Final Generic Impact Report on Eutrophication and Aquatic Plant Management in Massachusetts) (DCR).

Discussion regarding lakefront residents and higher taxation rate, and what the added value actually is for lakefront, (waterfront) property versus water view property was brought up. Committee needs information

Committee members were asked to bring specific questions to be put on agenda.

Old Business

Dave will check to see if Town Manager has viewed the press release and if we can send it along.
Nick will do a write up to bring to the Finance Committee.

Colleen will write an article regarding the Reservoir to start a series of informational articles to send to the media to make Public aware of water bodies and their conditions.

Michele suggested that we invite the public to share information about the water bodies they are familiar with.

Colleen made motion to adjourn
Herb seconded motion
Meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm

List of Documents and Other Exhibits used at Meeting:

- **The Massachusetts Lake and Pond Guide (DCR)**
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Meeting was adjourned at __8:17 PM__ until the next meeting on Monday November 19, 2012__ at 7pm__ at the __1st Floor Meeting Room, Town Hall__.

Respectfully submitted,
By Carol Zwicker

minutes Approved by Committee on: _____
(Date)

Signatures:

(Name & Title)

Chairman, _____
(committee)