



# MINUTES

## TOWN OF NORTON

Town Clerk Date/ Time Stamp

Board/ Committee: Water Bodies Committee

Meeting Date: March 16, 2015 Time: 7PM

Meeting Location: 1st Floor Meeting Room, Town Hall

Members & Staff Present: David Lennon, Brian Brady, Herb Ellison, Mark Burgess, Carol Zwicker, Matt Ladewig, guest speaker from ESS Group

Members Not Present: Colleen Ryan, Joe McFarland, Member from Conservation Commission

The meeting was called to order at 7PM and adjourned at 9PM

Minutes from the November 17, 2014 Meeting were reviewed & Approved as written.

Meeting Motions \_\_\_\_\_ / Actions and Summary of Discussions:

*Minutes read, Brian Brad made motion to accept, Carol Zwicker, 2<sup>nd</sup> motion*

Carol Zwicker will ask Assessors Office for list and labels, and make copies of the Flyer to be mailed out for the Public Meeting March 31, 2015.

Matt Ladewig said initial findings were for a 3 year short term Management so we could proceed with the process. Can't use **Clipper** as listed mussels would be endangered. Need to negotiate with National Heritage re: another idea and/or survey. May need to treat and survey before and after. Ess looked at partial lake treatment at Winnecunnet as option. Winnecunnet needs to be knocked back to start, at least somewhat. One herbicide, **Sonar**, works slow and may need to be treated several times so break down is not happening at once. Ess not relying on a one time application. Don't know if it will work until you try it. Long time has to be used year after year. Two species are prevalent, variable leaf Fanwort and Millfoil. **Diquat** and **Sonar** will work, **Clipper** is conditionally approved. Winnecunnet has very strong current in spring so can wash away some chemical.

Dredging or partial dredging is a possibility but where to put the waste is a problem. Brian asked who decides what is done, it would be Town Manager and Conservation Commission. The problems will change over the years, so will permitting. Permit needs specifications and tools. Where water enters the Water Body, we have less control of. Mark Burgess said that the weeds in the Canoe River and will come down to Winnecunnet where it flows in. Hand pulling can be done if plants are not bonding. Realistic way to look at it is knowing that yearly control must be done. Mark questioned if Ess identifies mussel beds, and Dave asked if National Heritage can push off permitting. There is a possibility things can be approved with one meeting.

National Heritage has a streamline but it takes about 30 days. Once submitted there are no problems. Chapter 91 would kick in for structure work, dam or other structures. State has an interest in Great Ponds so may help. State gives the blueprint for where to go but there is no State funding involved so application speeds up.

The other three water bodies are different.

Dave talked to Caitlin and gave her a heads up. She may come to the Informational Meeting. Mansfield will defer to Norton on Reservoir. Dave said the 'Point' is Chapter 40B. The Rumford River is on one side.

Two options: 1. get everyone on board, or 2, go outside the area.

Barrowsville has one person who owns water rights because the land is under the water.

Dave questioned format for the meeting on March 31. Matt will do small presentation. Some people may come just to be informed others may have questions. We should get ideas about other things, like improving access, and run-off control, trash etc.

Wheaton Out Reach wants to clean up the beaches, and there are Health Wellness and community service discussions. The new President at Wheaton is pushing for more interaction with the Town.

Matt said need goals in a plan. We need feedback Winneconnet needs public access as does the Reservoir. Mark said access is poor for fishing, Cranberry bogs have a lot of run-off at Winneconnet.

Billy Rowe will build a kiosk for Juniper Beach. We need to do volunteer boat monitoring.

Matt said we need to facilitate or moderate Informational Meeting to keep scope on short term and long term goals. Best way is to solicit feedback in an orderly way.

Storm management will happen in time. New permit is coming. State Grant Program can't go forward because of MF4 but is open now for certain criteria addressing known permitting.

Rain Gardens can help. Organized group of citizens can help. We need to raise funding for storm water issues.

Systemic usually is used for 2 to 3 seasons. It is easier to do entire lake at once. Herbicide can be broken up.

Dave contacted the High School Guidance Secretary re: storm drain stenciling and help with the Clean-up April 25. If possible every member of the WBC should help at every water body. Need to clean the dam and beach areas.

Dave mentioned that there is a Community Farm Fest at Wheaton.

Brian Brady motioned to adjourn at 9pm, Mark Burgess second the motion.

**List of Documents and Other Exhibits used at Meeting:**

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Minutes respectfully submitted by: **Carol Zwicker, Recording Secretary**

Minutes Approved by Committee on: \_\_\_\_\_

Chairman Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

# Public Info Meeting

Treatment of Invasive Plants  
on Lake Winnecunnett,  
Norton Reservoir and  
Barrowsville & Chartley Ponds

**March 31 • 7pm**

Norton Waterbodies Committee  
at Norton TV Studio • 184 West Main St.  
Simulcast on Channel 9

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