



MINUTES

TOWN OF NORTON

Town Clerk Date/ Time Stamp

Board/ Committee: Water Bodies Committee

Meeting Date: May 18, 2015 Time: 7PM

Meeting Location: 1st Floor Meeting Room, Town Hall

Members & Staff Present: David Lennon, Colleen Ryan, Mark Burgess, Carol Zwicker

Members Not Present: Brian Brady, Joe McFarland, Herb Ellison, Conservation Commission Member

The meeting was called to order at 7PM and adjourned at 8:05 PM

Minutes from the April 21, 2015 Meeting were reviewed & Approved as written.

Meeting Motions / Actions and Summary of Discussions:
Colleen made motion to accept minutes, Mark seconded motion.

Dave read email from Matt at ESS, regarding Winnecunnet, he has a file number with Natural Heritage and they have acknowledged ESS submission (a pre-filing submission) but have not yet provided feedback. Matt spoke to them last week and was told that we will be contacted by the review staff soon. He was attempting to check in with them again this week.

*Per Ess reply, access is key for funding.
Discussion regarding email ensued.*

Email questions benefits of adding secondary access at Barrowsville. Wading river comes into Barrowsville but there is no access.

Chartley has Conservation land off Union St., but it is near the dump.

Juniper has erosion/storm water issues (Norton Reservoir). Email questioned sanitary facilities. Use of portable toilets suggested, but there is concern about being tipped over, costs associated with the install and upkeep, Insurance etc... Monitoring would be difficult because even though posted, people use Juniper earlier and later.

Parking also needs to be upgraded.

There is concern because Life Jackets are not being used currently on the Reservoir.

Then it inquires about improving access at Winnecunnet. Bay Street is not approved because it is not usable when water is low. Snake River access will take full size boat but need to avoid rocks. Limited parking now and it is State owned.

Dave suggested that once permits are ready for Winnecunnet that maybe the Association of Home Owners could have a Public informational meeting to make people aware. Colleen asked to find out from Matt if it is a possibility to notify Owners and suggest more.

Dave made up signs to put on kiosk for Winnecunnet and Barrowsville. Billy may still put up kiosk at Juniper, but not definite. If kiosks have room, Dave will see if he can make a sign to refer people to WBC Face Book.

WBC needs a new plan for the kiosk per Colleen..

Colleen suggested using \$500.00 for kiosks. Carol suggested calling school to see if the school could build them, Colleen objected as it is May. Chartley and Juniper need them so Colleen suggested Committee hire someone to build them. Carol suggested that if Billy can't do them that we ask the person who is selling woodwork on his lawn on route 140 to do them.

Nothing back from Norton High School regarding stencils. Dave purchased stencils and paint as a donation from Norton Kayak Company and brought them to the school.

Keith from Highway Department said they can't do the stenciling because of time restraints but voiced concern for safety of the students doing them.

FYI Bond bill is tied up at State level, but the dam work is moving forward. When dam is fixed, water level will go way down.

Next Meeting dates July 20, 2015, August 17, 2015

Colleen motioned to adjourn, Mark seconded the motion. Meeting Adjourned at 8:05 pm

List of Documents and Other Exhibits used at Meeting:

- None
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Minutes respectfully submitted by: **Carol Zwicker**

Minutes Approved by Committee
on:

Chairman Signature: