

## TOWN OF WAYLAND – MINUTES

NAME OF BOARD/COMM: Surface Water Quality Committee

FILED BY: Lisa Newton, Member

DATE OF MEETING: Tuesday August 29, 2017

TIME OF MEETING: 7:30 PM

PLACE OF MEETING: Town Building, Senior Center

ATTENDING: Tom Largy, Lisa Newton, Mike Lowery, Toni Moores.

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1. Approval of minutes – unanimous.
2. Public Comments – Dick Miller of Natick and Jim Howell of Sherborn attended to discuss the proposed installation of a dog park between Fisk Pond and South Pond of Lake Cochituate in Natick. This would be funded in part by the Stanton Foundation. The Natick Health Department is opposed to this project, but the Natick Conservation Commission which owns the parcel is a proponent. Dick and Jim are concerned that this will affect water quality in Lake Cochituate which could impact Natick's well water. They would like the Wayland SWQC to write a letter to the Natick Board of Selectman and Natick Conservation Commission with a cc to the Natick Board of Health expressing concern about the dog park and describing our experiences with bacterial contamination of Wayland water bodies.
3. Dudley Pond – Mike Lowery
  - a. E. Coli. Mansion Beach. Counts are lower and swimming ban has been lifted.
  - b. Milfoil state. Very little milfoil, though divers have found and removed lots of trash.
  - c. Pond testing results. Toni took water samples 2017-08-01 and prepared report. Trophic State Index is exceptionally low (good).
4. Heard Pond – Tom Largy
  - a. Water Chestnut: Pulling is complete, 12,500 plants. Cost \$8,100.00.
  - b. NOI for chemical control of milfoil: Conservation Commission approved NOI. Cost \$3,340.00.
  - c. Milfoil: No evidence of milfoil, though lots of algae, perhaps limiting light penetration.
5. Lake Cochituate.
  - a. Dog waste: Mike and others noted that dog park is unnecessary risk. Lake Cochituate already is in the worst possible shape (TMDL category 5). Toni will write a letter to Natick Conservation Commission indicating that the increased nutrients and E. Coli will be detrimental to the pond.
  - b. Outfalls: Natick has hired Geosyntec to map outfalls. There will be further funds available from DCR for outfall mapping on North Pond.
  - c. Drawdown: There will be a 3.5 foot drawdown of Lake C. to allow construction of new boat ramp in fall 2018.
6. Mill Pond – Tom Largy – Hydro-raking Project  
Hydro-raking project is complete. Cost \$12,000.00. Some wire and branches remain to be removed by DPW.
7. Committee member's reports and concerns.
8. Next meeting date Tuesday 3 October 2017, 7:30 pm
9. Invoice Approval.
  - Solitude, \$2920.00.
  - Nashoba Labs, \$1539.00 for water quality testing.
  - David Pool, \$90.00 for diving
  - Allison LaClaire, \$3780.00 for diving.
10. Adjournment – unanimous approval to adjourn at 9:05 pm