

Minutes
Cedar Lake Watershed Commission
5 March 2018

Attendees: Tom Brelsford, Chris Fryxell, Ted Taigen, Rick Holloway, Nancy Byrne

Call to order 7:15 PM

Correspondence: Letter from Laird Smith regarding Weed Control alternatives

1. Mission Statement. Approved by Board of Selectmen (BoS) in February
2. Water Testing: Lab recommends initial testing quarterly to establish baselines. Less frequently thereafter. Approx \$90/test. We await approval from BoS for these expenditures.
3. Weed Control:
 - funds available for 2018; BoF sets aside \$8000/year for future controls.
 - Contract with Solitude has been signed. Harvesting to commence April 2, to last around 8 days.
 - Tom is arranging for dumpsters, and has met with John Divis to arrange use of payloader (to avoid spillage during dewatering), and is applying for permit to use state boat launch.
 - Approval of permit by Inland Wetlands expected this week. Inland Wetlands files the state form.
 - Park and Rec will arrange to remove or mark concrete block anchors for swimming area buoys.
 - Tom's work expediting has saved the town about \$1800 off the cost of this project.
 - Tom discovered another possible weed puller at the New England Boat Show. It will be used at one of the marinas in Chester in April. [cdseaweed.com]
4. New Business
 - The fourth postcard in the series on watershed protection has been designed and will be mailed out this Spring. It deals with non-point source pollution (fertilizer runoff)
 - Last year's postcard on maintaining septic tanks appears to have been effective; all tanks on lakefront properties have been pumped and inspected .
 - If Inland Wetlands doesn't appoint a representative, Nancy has suggested a member-at-large for this commission.

Adjournment. 7:50. Next Meeting April 30, 2018.

R. Holloway