

**Lake Massapoag Advisory Committee and
MVP Education Advisory Committee**

Meeting of February 14, 2024

Minutes of Zoom Meeting

Attendees: Laura Russell, Chair, Debbie Tatro, Vice Chair, Colin Barbera, Eman Lasheen, Dan Lewenberg, Gary Bluestein, and Ken Hyman.

Guests: Josh Philibert, Conservation Administrator, Danica Cucchi GIS Coordinator, Anna Yie of NepRWA, Ian Cooke of NepRWA; and Randy O'Brien, Karen Bricker, and Sajjal Menon of MVP Education Advisory Committee.

VOTES

- Motion to approve the minutes from the January 31, 2024, meeting: Laura moved, Gary seconded. Yes votes: Gary, Dan, Eman, Debbie, and Laura.
- Motion to adjourn: Gary moved, Dan seconded. Yes votes: Gary, Eman, Dan, Debbie, and Laura.

DISCUSSION

Education Advisory Committee Meeting and Discussion

Eman met with SHS biology faculty focusing on how to engage students in the testing process and also coordinate a speaker series. Eman is reaching out to local camp directors to discuss watershed issues, prioritizing cyanobacteria blooms. World Water Day is March 22nd, the EAC is exploring linking art classes with the LOL campaign. Local HS student, CP, wants to put QR codes on bulletin boards to increase sign-ups for LOL campaign events and soil-testing.

Education programming beyond schools includes speaking at the Sharon Garden Club on April 7th and plans are coming together to join the Historical Society, MYC, and COA meetings. Also exploring coordinating efforts with local municipalities and comparing notes is a goal. Sharon resident, Sajjal Menon, suggested the LMAC put out on social media materials educating people about lawn care, gardening, outdoor cleaning, and other choices they can make for a healthier watershed: "do this not that."

Lake abutter outreach, flyers, and NepRWA resources will also be pursued. There is a second EAC meeting planned for Wednesday, February 21st 7-8:30 pm.

Overview of Watershed-Based Planning re External Phosphorus Loading - NepRWA

Anna Yie and Ian Cooke from the NepRWA described with Danica Cucchi, the town GIS Coordinator, the coordination between GIS mapping, identifying runoff and flood areas, and

resource area monitoring. Yie showed a short PowerPoint, and she and Cooke explained concepts like Best Management Practices (BMP) which is now called Stormwater Control Measures (SCM), phosphorous loading, and elements of a watershed-based plan (WBP).

Updates

Still waiting on DEP signing the 604(b) grant contract.

There is an upcoming event on March 14th bringing NepRWA communities together with Conservation professionals to discuss invasive weed presence and treatment options.

An upcoming meeting with John Tucci of EverBlue Lakes will likely be scheduled for mid-March.

Laura will poll members via e-mail to see whether March 13th or March 20th is preferred for the next meeting date.

Members agreed to vote at the next meeting on whether to formalize Laura's comments about Hazard Mitigation Plans at a recent Select Board meeting, and to formally accept TRC's 2023 Annual Report, which includes the edits Laura and Debbie requested.

Members received TRC's Final Dosing Alum Report from February 13, 2024.

ADJOURNMENT

Members voted to adjourn at 1:24 PM.