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OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Meeting Minutes – September 21, 2021

Pursuant to a notice duly filed with the Town Clerk, a meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held in person at 191 Church St (Cheshire Elementary School) on Tuesday September 21, 2021, at 4:00 PM.

Members Present:	Michelle Francesconi, Chair
	Ray Killeen
	Shawn McGrath
Members Absent:	Jason Levesque, Clerk
	Mark Biagini
Others Present:	Jennifer Morse, Town Administrator; Liseann Karandisecky; Peter Traub; Tom Walsh; Francis Willette; Lee Hauge; Doreen Aleshevich; Nicholas McMahon.

M. Francesconi called the meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 4:00 p.m.

Summary of Votes Taken:

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:29 p.m. Roll Call Vote: 3-0

1. Meeting with the Hoosac Lake District and Lake & Pond Connection

The HLD and Nick McMahon from Lake and Pond Connection had toured the lake prior to the meeting. Lake and Pond is a small lake management company from Brookfield, CT. They have the same equipment as the current vendor, with 16 people on staff. Nick would be the single point of contact and would be available by email and cell phone.

The proposal will include four treatments with the first taking place in April to address the curly leaf pond weed, this is a 10 plus year project. The next three treatments will be Sonar granular instead of liquid the town should see an improvement within three years.

There was lengthy discussion on In-depth surveys, water chestnuts (treated in the fall) and information from LAPA President, Lee Hauge regarding the Pontoosac and the methods they use for treatment of the lake. Francis Willette spoke about the importance of a Lake Management Plan done by a third party, to have a plan put into place to show HLD residents and the Town the path and the progress. S. McGrath asked about the second basin analysis, basin shared with Lanesboro. Discussion on the reinstituting a winter drawdown, Dam and the Spillway resulted in a consensus that the state needs to be contacted for ownership/maintenance questions.

M. Francesconi asked that Land and Pond Connection provide estimates for everything discussed. Nick McMahon left the meeting.

The HLD and Board discussed better communication, Open Meeting Law, and the Bid Process moving forward. The HLD has an informal meeting scheduled for Saturday September 25, 2021. Once the estimates have been received from Lake and Pond Connection there will be a joint meeting of the Board of Selectmen and HLD to discuss further.

Adjournment: A motion was made by M. Francesconi and seconded by S. McGrath to adjourn at 5:29 p.m.
Roll Call Vote: S. McGrath – Yes, R. Killeen – Yes, M. Francesconi- Yes
Motion Carries: 3-0-

Respectfully Submitted,
Jennifer Morse
Town Administrator
September 22, 2021

Document List

1. Agenda September 21, 2021 – HLD Meeting

Approved: 10/5/21