

TOWN OF LEE  
32 MAIN STREET  
PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

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SECTION 23B - AMENDED.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
**Minutes**

PLACE OF MEETING: Judge's Chambers, Town Hall

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DAY, DATE & TIME: Thursday, April 02, 2009

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**Members Present:** Deborah Garry, Chairperson, John Philpott, Marilyn Stuart Dalheim, Marilyn Hansen.

**Lenox Members:** Neal Carpenter, Vincent Ammendola, Tim Flanagan, Joe Strauch, Rose Fitzgerald-Casey, David Lane.

**7:30 Continued NOI, Laurel Lake Assoc. Applicant, Mark Alimansky, Mark Bellaud, Aquatic Control Technology.**

Mark Alimansky read a synopsis of the lake's history, a copy of which is in the file, discussing the intention of the NOI because of the growth of Eurasian milfoil. VP of Laurel Lake Preservation, Ray Brogan, spoke of the results of the diagnostic study that was done and how the invasive plants were overwhelming both the native plants as well killing the fish. It was because of the determination of this that the association feels compelled to act to improve the quality of the water for both human users as well as the plants and fish. Lenox questioned where was the up to date study that was asked for from both the Lenox concom and the state. Mark A. said other firms have not experienced the requirement for third party study to present its facts. A major issue for the Lenox Con Com was the lack of a pre-survey done prior to treatment. Concerns were the endangered snails that were not mentioned in the NOI as well as the effect on lake quality. Mark suggested a condition in the OOC that provides for a pre-treatment survey done prior to treatment. Neal preferred that the association lean toward drawdown and measure the

efficacy of that approach. Ray Brogan brought up that the 2002 study showed that a drawdown gets between 5-10% of the necessary results. Another benefit of the Diquat was that it can spot treat the lake as opposed to the drawdown which has an overall effect. Jay Bayer from the audience provided his credentials as a water engineer who also did extensive testing on the lake. A problem of the lake is that it is over fertilized by the magnitude of septic systems. The only way to get a better filtration system (lessening of the phosphorous) which is critical to the lake's quality, is the elimination of these septic systems and for them to use a town sewer system and that chemical treatment is only a band-aid. A question was raised on what was the Natural Heritage requirement and that the focus should be on just one of the three items on the NOI: drawdown, hand-pulling, chemical treatment. Mark A. requested that the commissions vote on each part of the items separately. Lenox said that there wasn't enough information for them to vote on the issues. Mark A. offered to withdraw the application based on his theory that Lenox would deny the application but Lenox preferred to continue. A concern was brought up how the people doing the hand picking would be protected and Mark B said that hand pulling wouldn't be conducted until after the treatment, which would only last approximately a week, was done. He further explained that the chemical quickly binds itself to the sediment and cannot be separated. Mark A. requested a continuance.

Meeting opened to the public. Gail Cerescia, Deidre Consolati who read statements from several people as well as herself, Rick Chrisman and others, spoke in opposition to the chemical treatment. Meeting to be continued to June 1, 7:00 pm in Lee. John made a motion to continue, Marilyn seconded, all approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Martie Martin

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