

HLLT Meeting Minutes
October 1, 2020 | 3:00 - 4:30 pm
Zoom Conference Call

- Welcome – Gretchen Anderson, Dennis Brown, Heather Huntt, Tom Verlee, Kim White, Jarrod Maxfield, Nancy Lightbody, John Mackinnon, Jeff Dennis, Nathan Poore, Amanda Pratt, Kevin McElearney, Barry Tibbetts in attendance.
- Public comment was opened and closed. No comments were made.
- Motion made to approve June 24, 2020 minutes. Motion carried.¹
- Introduction of Kevin McElearney as Highland Lake Association (HLA) member replacing Rosie Hartzler
 - Kevin is the HLA Vice President and chair of the HLA Grant Implementation Committee. He grew up on Highland Lake and is excited to join the HLLT.
- Overall Leadership Team structure, committees and committee members were reviewed (changes reflected in attached Team Structure and Committee List).
 - Change Adjunct Science Advisory Committee to Adjunct Water Quality Committee.
 - Discussion of sunseting Ordinance Committee. Consensus was committee should be dormant until need arises.
 - Potential zoning changes (40,000 s.f. property would be allowed to have three livestock animals) in Falmouth that could impact Highland Lake. Ordinance committee will meet October 8 to workshop and generate Team position.
 - Discussion of establishing a Funding Committee. Scope would include developing a funding plan to finance action items within the Watershed Management Plan.
 - Board members interested in being on committee: Amanda P, Kevin M, Gretchen A, Ashley, Heather H.
 - Discussion of finding committee members outside of board to ensure success (expertise in finance, fundraising, etc.).
 - Motion made to establish a Funding Committee to develop a funding plan to finance action items within the Watershed Management Plan. Motion carried.¹
 - Discussion of establishing a Dam Management Committee. Specifically, to discuss alewives. Consensus was alewife management would be covered in different capacities under existing committees.
 - Potential to establish a Downstream Fish Passage Committee in the future.
- Water Quality Update
 - An official bloom did not occur this past summer.
 - Dropped to 3 meters of clarity. Like 2018 testing season (i.e. dry).
 - Discussion of alewife predation, little rain being factors.
 - Reminder that picocyanobacteria bloom is happening independently.
- Next Steps in Watershed Management Plan and Action Item Summary

¹ Motions were combined and voted on at the end of the meeting using the roll call voting method.

- First steering committee occurred in late September. Late start due to COVID.
- Septic System Academic Investigation was pushed to next August to take advantage of high-use season.
- 319 Grant Application was for highest priority site, Overlook Road and education and outreach to the 2 horse farms in Falmouth.
- Discussion of private road workshops and incentivizing participation, such as:
 - Annual private road maintenance schedule document.
 - Have road associations work with Towns to use vac truck at cost.
- Meeting adjourned. Doodle poll will be sent out to schedule next meeting.