

## NORTH BROOKFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Feb. 28, 2023 MINUTES

In attendance, Chris Morrison, Chairperson, John Turner, Co-Chair  
Commissioners, Brandon Avery, Sam Biaggetti

Lake Lashaway Association Representatives, Roger Babinski and Rick Manser, are present to discuss their ideas for new signage for the boat ramp area of the lake. A sign will be placed about twenty feet off the water line at two locations. Signage is needed to provide information for the community and visitors inside and outside of the Lake area as well as to give information to boaters. It will contain a map of the lake, and elevations can be shown to inform people of areas prone to beached boating. Additional information can be provided to the public such as lake closures also giving people an opportunity for getting more involved with the Lake Lashaway Committee.

They propose the use of landscape timbers to improve the protection of the parking area, especially people backing boats down to the water. Some brush and tall weed trees need to be cut down without removing any roots. Digging will be only where concrete will go for 4' rebar sign poles, maybe before the weir is closed late March.

Active OOCs are on file for Lake Lashaway (LLC). Relative to this they were also able to hire a treatment company for the lake Aquatic Management Plan. They've made much progress since the onset of the plan. Their map shows how the treatment has improved the plant volume from previous years and another map shows almost no vegetation which is a vast improvement. Three invasives were mostly eliminated - showing an overall improvement of the Lake weed and vegetation overgrowth problem from just a few years ago. This lake is a beneficial commodity to both towns. To maintain this plan will take continuous funding to control at least 20-40% of weed vegetation. When they write the permitting process they will specify the areas for weed to be treated and herbicides to be used. Current DEP Filing #244-0121 is a Five-year plan good through June 2025. They are meeting with the No. Brookfield BOS March 14th.

Someone is working with DCR for historical unique trees. If anyone has any suggestions, please contact Brandon. The oldest known tree in town is located on Elm St.

Site walk was conducted with Jaime Gailman at the Donovan Road area trail work site he has been working on. There is a backhoe located outside the Cider Works building. The owner can be contacted for help with dealing with this small structure especially if water flow is being affected.

Motion is made to adjourn, seconded, so voted.