Lake Garfield Working Group (LGWG)
Meeting Minutes - March 16, 2023

The March monthly meeting of the LGWG was called to order at 7:08 pm. Michael Germain, Richard Jaffe, Kyle Pierce and Dennis Lynch were present remotely on Zoom.

Discussion Items:

1. The minutes from the February 2, 2023 meeting were reviewed and accepted.

2. The main topic of discussion was the need to fund Diver Assisted Suction Harvesting (DASH) for FY 2023-2024. Dennis Lynch stated that on March 2nd he and Steve Snyder met with the Select Board. The Board indicated their support for the continuing effort to control the invasive, aquatic plant Eurasian watermilfoil in Lake Garfield. Michael Germain also confirmed with Chair, Justin Makuc that the Select Board approved the placement of a Special Article on the Warrant for $50,000 at upcoming annual town meeting during May 2023. Of additional note, the Select Board was informed that the Friends of Lake Garfield has contributed more than $16,000.00 for the work of the lake scientist and DASH during FY2022 - 2023.

3. It was also confirmed that the Select Board requested and received field reports from the Lake Scientist, Hillary Kenyon Garovoy M.S. - Northeast Aquatic Research LLC and the Fall 2022 DASH report from New England Aquatic Services (NEAS) LLC. To date, NEAS has invoiced the town for $20,025.00 for their services during the Fall of 2022. Also, NEAS plans complete the balance of the DASH work during the Spring of 2023 and invoice the town prior to June 30, 2023.. In addition, the LGWG also received a field report from water quality researcher Shannon Poulin concerning water testing results used to evaluate the presence of cyanobacteria in Lake Garfield during the summer of 2022.

4. There being no other items, the meeting was adjourned at 7:28 pm, the next Zoom meeting was scheduled for 7 pm on April 27, 2023 at the Monterey Community Center. The April meeting will be timely posted on the town website and reminders will be sent to LGWG members prior to the meeting.