

Lake Garfield Working Group (LGWG) Meeting Minutes
January 9, 2024

Members in attendance: Kyle Pierce, Mike Germain, Richard Jaffe, Steve Synder, Trevor Hurst, Greg Carnese, Dennis Lynch. A quorum was reached and the meeting began at 7:04pm

Agenda Items:

- 1) The minutes from October 17th and November 14th were reviewed, amended and accepted.
- 2) Cyanobacteria Update - the Annual Report will be submitted by Shannon Poulin for review and approval at the next meeting during February 2024.
- 3) DASH Update -
Michael reported that DEP approval of the NOI which includes DASH and the Drawdown of Lake Garfield is on hold until comments are received from MA Division of Fish & Wildlife / National Heritage concerning impacts on fish and invertebrates. DEP may require additional surveys of fish and fresh water muscle populations as part of future Drawdown approvals.

Currently, DASH is approved for 2024/2025, however, the Drawdown must be approved by DEP before November 1st. Timing is critical and it is imperative that DEP inform the town to facilitate the submission and approval of additional regulatory requirements before the November 1st deadline.

- 4) Dennis volunteered to request that a \$50K budget line item rather than a Special / Citizen article placed on the upcoming Warrant for the 2024 Annual Town Meeting.
- 5) Kyle informed the LGWG that a book authored by Bernie Drew recounted the history of Lake Buel to raise funds for the care and maintenance of the lake. The Friends of Lake Garfield expressed interest in the idea as it relates to Lake Garfield.
- 6) The next monthly meeting was scheduled for February 20, 2024.
- 7) The January meeting of the LGWG was adjourned at 7:40pm.