

**Town of Egremont  
Community Health Inclusion Index (CHII) Grant  
Prospect Lake Access Committee  
MINUTES OF MEETING #4  
Held Thursday, April 7, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.  
At Town Hall – 1<sup>st</sup> floor meeting room  
And via Zoom remotely:**

Committee Members present: Joyce Frater, (Friends of Prospect Lake, MVP Committee), David Seligman, (ConComm Chair) Donna Bersch, (COA Board, Lake user) Bruce Bernstein, (Council on Aging Chair, Lake user) Peg McDonough (Regional Planner, CHII Comm Chair)

1. Accepted Minutes of both February meeting and March (on-site) meeting
2. Email w/MA Fish & Game – Peg read out for record. MA F&G Chief Engineer Cameron confirmed that DCR site is too constrained by wetlands, overall size, distance to open water and constant siltation of channel to warrant further investment. Willing to work with Town to find alternative site, if possible.

Cameron restated what the process is to get started – minimum of 10 citizens to petition the “General Court” (Legislature? MA Attorney Gen’l?)

Cameron and Committee also visited “the gap” site - privately-owned property where the public enters/leaves the lake. Cameron stated that DCR must own real estate for them to build a state-sponsored site and there has to be room enough for parking immediately adjacent. Gap site really not suitable, even if it was possible to purchase.

3. Reviewed “To Do” list for June 30<sup>th</sup> project deadline:
  - a. Info from Town Counsel regarding Prescriptive Easement at Gap – what rights does it confer to Town, if any? Can we make safety improvements?
  - b. Wetlands consultant needed? Surveyor pricing requested for French Park – do we also need info on road right of way dimensions – ask Town Counsel
  - c. Reviewed meeting notes between Peg and Police Chief Jason LaForest on traffic calming/enforcement/potential new parking lot for road safety. Chief anticipates that once Rtes.23/41 go under construction this fall, that traffic on PL Road will increase.
  - d. WalkBoston Walk Audit w/COA members, EPD Officer and AdLib  
Bruce & Peg to set a date with WB
  - e. Presentation to Select Board in June of Committee recommendations?
4. Grant Final Report/Deliverable Template from Funder – Deliverable will be a report summarizing Committee activities, including “next steps” i.e. **Lake Action**

**Plan** to include \$10k grant budget allocation (probably Admin fees, French Park survey contribution and materials for parking lot layout, traffic control signs or other.)

5. Late June/July - Select Board date for Final Report approval and signoff

6. Next Meeting Date in May to be determined. Peg will follow up.