

Office of the Town Manager

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Athol Board of Selectmen

FR: Shaun A. Suhoski, Town Manager

RE: Town Manager's Report DT: September 20, 2016

Dear Board: Please see the following report for your meeting tonight:

<u>Lake Ellis</u>: Doug Walsh, members of the Lake Ellis Association and I met with Doug Cameron, the assistant director and deputy chief engineer of the state's Office of Fishing and Boating Access, to review potential state assistance with constructing a more permanent and functional boat ramp and potential accessible dock system for fishing at this location.

The funding for this office has been cut to a \$1,000,000 allotment for the entire Commonwealth, but, the Lake Ellis project may be able to advance in priority with active Town and Association participation and assistance from our legislators.

For the state to fund a construction project, the Town will need to agree to an "equal access" policy whereby the facility is open to the public at an equal rate and to maintain the facility going forward. Mr. Cameron forwarded me the rules and regulations today and I will have a further report to the Board of Selectmen at your next meeting.

Miscellaneous Items:

- Met with Community Coalition and Director of Planning and Development regarding operation of North Quabbin Loan Fund
- · Met with Treasurer/Collector and tax title attorney regarding process revisions
- · Joined housing task force for code review of Main Street multi-family property
- Met with SEIU (dispatchers) concerning potential regional dispatch center
- Met with DPW Supt., Planning Director and CDBG consultant concerning upcoming CDBG round and potential projects (eg. Winter/Wilder sewer; Green St. water; other)
- · Held Finance Team meeting and Department Head meeting