

**Town of Ayer
Dam and Pond Management Committee
Meeting Minutes**

Date: January 7, 2013

Meeting: Meeting of Dam and Pond Management Committee was held in Town Hall, Ayer, MA on

Members in Attendance:

Don Rzasa, Marina Giovannini, Chuck Miller, Takashi Tada, Bob Pedrazzi, Mark Wetzel

Members not in Attendance:

Laurie Nehring

Meeting Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 7:10 p.m.

Acceptance of Previous Minutes 12/10/2012. Minutes approved unanimous.

Old Business

Discussion of weed treatment of Flanagan Pond. Final report has not been filed. Bill for treatment has been paid to Lycott. Becky from ConsCom checking on the final report from Lycott regarding the results of the weed treatment of Flannagan Pond. Marina and Chuck will attend meeting of the ConsCom regarding assignment of duties to either the Pond Committee or ConsCom to prevent duplication of effort. Discuss completion of RFP for future pond treatments.

Discussion of budget process for the Town regarding future weed control plans. Discussion of hiring of a consultant to develop a management plan for dams and ponds; scope of work. Availability of funding from Stormwater fund. The funding for the ACT study done in 2005 was under \$10,000 (?) Copies of ACT Study available on www.friendsofflannaganpond.com .

Possible consultants for study: Lycott, ACT ESS, VHB.

Discussion of reviewing plans from other towns. What are our goals and objectives?

Discussion of grant monies – reminder that we may be able to access grant funds.

New Business

Discussion of Overall Plan of Action for Ponds. Suggested topics to include: unique character; watershed; fish; plants; wildlife; impact of drawdown (really beneficial?); water clarity; access for recreation; dam management. We need to begin to articulate the concept of an overall plan; to

skeletize a master plan. Present a global perspective. Chuck will look to some local communities as to management plans we can use as a model.

Discussion of a meeting to flesh out a master plan for the ponds and dams. Our homework is to make a list of what we might like to see in a master plan for dams and ponds.

Discussion of recreational ideas (Mark Wetzel). Fishing derby, paddle the ponds day, picnic on the pond.

Marina will contact Will Stephenson of Lycott regarding attending our next meeting (January 28) to discuss master plans with him.

Motion to Adjourn: Unanimous approval at 8:05 p.m.

Next Meeting:

Monday, January 28, 2013

Submitted by Marina Giovannini, Clerk

Date of approval