

Bare Hill Pond Watershed Management Committee

MEETING NOTES

Date: February 28, 2007

Members Chris Ashley
Present: Nick Browse
Bill Johnson
Bruce Leicher
Jeff Ritter

Others Jim Lee, Park & Recreation Committee
Present:

A quorum being present, Mr. Leicher called the meeting to order at 7:35PM.

Secretary's Report

1. Minutes of the meeting of November 15, 2006 were reviewed and approved.
2. A quorum not being present on either December 27, 2006 or January 24, 2007, the meetings scheduled for those dates were not held.

Treasurer's Report - Mr. Johnson

1. Account balances stand at \$2050 in our regular operating account, \$5796 in CPA funds designated for pump construction, and \$4800 in the pump project grant reimbursement account from the state. The state has also not yet paid the final \$19,000 retainage on the pump project.
2. Mr. Johnson has proposed a Town Meeting warrant article to change the language of the CPA grant to allow use for the pump "project" rather than simply for pump "construction." This would permit use of the funds for ENSR monitoring. The CPC unanimously supports this change; Mr. Johnson will confirm its inclusion in the warrant, and will publicly introduce the article at Town Meeting.
3. A request has been made to the selectmen to include in the Town Meeting warrant a reserve account transfer of \$12,200 to cover anticipated electrical costs for the remainder of the year. It is uncertain whether or not the selectmen

will grant this request. If granted, Mr. Johnson will publicly introduce the article at Town Meeting.

4. Lorraine Leonard has been successful in getting the pump electrical costs covered under the Town's bulk electrical purchase.

Park & Recreation Committee - Mr. Lee

1. Park & Rec is interested in fixing the drainage on the Pond Road playing field; can we work together on this? Mr. Johnson summarized our discussions with the Water Commission and with Rich Nota on doing a conceptual study of drainage in the town center, and then applying for grants. It doesn't appear that this will be ready by the June 2007 deadline for the state Chapter 319 grant application deadline; June 2008 is more likely. Mr. Leicher suggested that Park & Rec could assist by doing an informal survey of existing catch basins and drainage paths.
2. A design is in place for a new septic system for the boathouse, not fully approved, but generally agreed by the Board of Health. Installation is expected this spring.
3. Muck removal from the pond at the beach is under consideration, and it was suggested that this be coordinated with Rich Nota. Muck removal was last undertaken in the 1960's, with the muck used for constructing the Pond Road fields.

Pond Drawdown

1. Refill was begun February 1 and pumping was reduced to the required minimum set in the order of conditions. Even at this minimum, pond level continued to drop due to cold temperatures and lack of rain. Pumping was further reduced until the level stabilized; the pump is currently running at 28Hz and 12% duty cycle. This rate is acceptable to Paul Willard. We expect the level to rise with rain this coming weekend.
2. The rowing regatta is planned for April 28.

Other Business

1. Mr Ritter reported that Jack Whelan will offer training on March 11 in the method of conducting the spring amphibian count. The count needs to happen within 24 hours after the second warm spring rain. Mr. Ritter will be soliciting the high school biology class and other interested folks.
2. Wetlands monitoring has not been done for three years, and should be done this spring. Mr. Leicher will contact Michelle Girard who has received training on this.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45PM.



Nicholas Browse

March 8, 2007