

Bare Hill Pond Watershed Management Committee

MEETING NOTES

Date: June 27, 2007

Members Chris Ashley
Present: Nick Browse
Bill Johnson
Jeff Ritter

A quorum being present, Mr. Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:40PM.

Secretary's Report

1. Minutes of the meeting of May 23, 2007 were reviewed and approved.

Treasurer's Report - Mr. Johnson

1. Funds on hand total approximately \$11,500, consisting of \$4889 remaining in the CPA account, \$4778 in the pump project reimbursables account, and around \$1982 in two gift accounts. In addition, the town Finance Committee has recommended the transfer of \$12,000 into our operating account. We expect this total amount of approximately \$23,500 to be sufficient to cover the post-completion pond survey required by the order of conditions for the pump project. Two years ago this work was quoted by ENSR at \$23,000.
2. The final report on the pump project has been submitted to the state along with an invoice for final payment. Payment of \$19,500 is expected in July.

Pump House Project

1. With one season of operation complete, the required pond survey needs to be undertaken. Due to the expected value of the work, Mr. Johnson will advertise publicly for proposals. We intend to expand the scope of this survey to include sampling the muck in the vicinity of the town beach and nearby cove. We have discussed with the town DPW the possibility removing the muck in this area, and testing for contaminants in the muck is necessary before any work can be considered.
2. It was noted that the order of conditions for the annual pond drawdown requires a periodic survey also. Once regular operation is established, it is our intention

to conduct a drawdown for two consecutive years, with no drawdown the third year but a survey instead.

3. Ron Ricci has looked at the inoperable depth sensor. He has determined that the controller module is faulty and has sent it for repair. The condition of the sensor itself and associated cabling is unknown; Mr. Ricci & Mr. Johnson will test and repair as needed.

Town Center Runoff Collection Project

1. We expect to have sufficient funds next year to be able to begin the runoff collection project. 319 grant submissions are due in June, and to make a submission in 2008 we should start work on this in the fall of 2007.
2. Our first task is to identify a project leader, and each member of the committee agreed to come to the next meeting with names of possible candidates. Mr. Johnson described the work as different from the pump house project; for the pump house, we served as project managers, general contractors, and laborers. The runoff collection project in contrast is a civil works project, and we expect it to be run by the town DPW. Our role will be to champion the project, organize the grants, and perhaps bring some technical expertise.

Other Business

1. Michele Girard is organizing the upcoming wetlands monitoring, and ENSR has scheduled the first week in September for weed counts. Mr. Ritter agreed to forward frog count data next week. Mr. Leicher needs to be able to complete the monitoring report by mid-September for the Conservation Commission as a condition for the fall drawdown. *[Correction subsequent to meeting: Mr. Leicher needs to submit the report by mid-August, and data received after that date may be submitted as it arrives.]*
2. The first weed pull was conducted June 23rd under the direction of Rick Dickson. The weed harvester is not operable.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40PM.



Nicholas Browse

June 28, 2007