

# Bare Hill Pond Watershed Management Committee

## MEETING NOTES

Date: July 25, 2007

Members Nick Browse  
Present: Bill Johnson  
Bruce Leicher  
Jeff Ritter

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A quorum being present, Mr. Leicher called the meeting to order at 7:45PM.

### Secretary's Report - Mr. Browse

1. Minutes of the meeting of June 27, 2007 were reviewed and approved.
2. An updated listing of pond abutters has been received, in anticipation of the upcoming mailing concerning the fall drawdown.

### Treasurer's Report - Mr. Johnson

1. Funds on hand include \$18,500 in our annual committee budget, \$15,000 for electrical charges for the pump, \$16,768 in the CPA account (the reserve transfer has been received), \$4778 in the pump project reimbursables account, and around \$1982 in two gift accounts. It is expected that tomorrow (July 26) the state will release the \$19,500 final retainage on the pump project, and we should see these funds within two weeks.
2. Mr. Johnson requested the town to advertise for the professional survey of the pond required at the conclusion of the pump project. Two firms (ENSR and ESS Group) have requested bid packages. Bids are due August 1st. Mr. Johnson intends to pay for the work with CPA funds, as these funds will be unavailable after June 2008.

### Annual Drawdown

1. Last year's drawdown was 5' (48" gravity and 12" pumped). It has been our intention to increase the drawdown depth by 12" each year until a maximum of 8' is reached. We have noted, however, that last year's 5' drawdown seemed to provide significant reduction in weed growth, and there is some concern about the ability of the mussel population to accommodate a further 12" this year. It was decided to request approval from the Conservation Commission to go to 6',

but we will await the results of the fall pond survey (in particular, indications of the mussel population below the 5' level) before determining whether we should go to 6' or stop at 5'-6".

#### Town Center Runoff Collection Project

1. Mr. Leicher reported attending a meeting at St. Teresa's church, called by Steve Rowse to discuss possible town action in addressing a wetland area behind the church due to a drainage pipe from Still River Road. Given that this is a private church matter, that it includes a question of septic system siting, and that runoff from Still River Road is likely to be less of a concern than runoff from other parts of town center, Mr. Leicher declined to offer the assistance of the committee.
2. Several names were suggested as possible leaders of the runoff collection project. After discussion, it was decided that Mr. Johnson would contact Bob O'Shea about assuming the role of project coordinator, and Mr. Leicher would contact Don Girard about serving as our technical expert. We feel that while we will need assistance in writing the grant request (particularly with technical and engineering issues), the request will be better received coming from us rather than from a contracted engineering firm.
3. Rich Nota (DPW head) has offered his assistance with the project directly to the selectmen.

#### Other Business

1. Ron Ricci has agreed to join the committee, and is awaiting approval from the selectmen.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40PM.



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Nicholas Browse

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