

Bare Hill Pond Watershed Management Committee

MEETING NOTES

Date: October 24, 2007

Members Chris Ashley Bruce Leicher

Present: Nick Browse Ron Ricci

Bill Johnson Jeff Rittter

Others Ryan Andrews Bob Blanck

Present: Tim Clark Bob O'Shea

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

In consideration of the primary agenda item and the need for a short meeting, Mr. Leicher proposed, and the committee agreed, to defer discussion of the minutes and treasurer's report until the November meeting.

Annual Drawdown

1. We are proceeding towards the 5' approved drawdown level; presently we are at 4'-2". Mr. Blanck & Mr. Browse will meet with the Conservation Commission on November 1 to discuss approval for further depth. In advance of this, we will review the condition of the mussel population this weekend. Based upon the condition of the mussels, we will decide whether to ask for approval to go beyond 5', and if so, by how much.

Town Center Storm Water Treatment (formerly Runoff Collection) Project

- Mr. O'Shea

1. The town Highway Department has pulled drainage grates in the center of town and mapped out the existing collection system. Their findings confirm our earlier conclusions, that a satisfactory collection system is largely in place. At the moment this map exists only on paper. Mr. Clark offered to make available the AutoCAD computer files maintained by the Water Commission, and we will add the collection system to this.
2. Mr. O'Shea has prepared a Request for Proposal for the engineering study and design of the treatment system. We have been making comments throughout the week to drafts of these documents; additional comments were received at the meeting. Mr. Browse & Mr. Johnson will meet tomorrow to assemble and mail

the documents of a list of five firms. A site walk is scheduled for November 3; proposals are due November 21.

Other Business

1. Ryan Andrews attended to discuss the beach kiosk renovations. We agreed to reimburse him for his expenses. Mr. Browse agreed to identify firms that offer photoengraving services.
2. Mr. Johnson reported on plans by the Park & Recreation Commission to test methods for removal of pond muck while the water level is down this winter. The Conservation Commission is resistant, and has requested core samples be taken in the proposed areas. We think it likely the samples taken this fall by ENSR as part of our testing for contaminants will provide the information needed. Mr. Johnson will follow up.
3. Rick Dickson will be unable to organize weed pull activities again next summer, and a new coordinator will be sought. Mr. Leicher has asked Mr. Ashley to identify possible names for this position. Thanks and appreciation go to Mr. Dickson for his hard work and the results he has achieved.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40PM.



Nicholas Browse

October 25, 2007