

Bare Hill Pond Watershed Management Committee

MEETING NOTES

Date: January 23, 2008

Members Bob Blanck Ron Ricci
Present: Nick Browse Jeff Ritter
Bruce Leicher

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

Secretary's Report - Mr. Browse

1. Minutes of the meeting of December 15, 2007 were reviewed and approved.

Town Center Storm Water Treatment Project

1. Bill Johnson reported (through Mr. Leicher) that Lorraine Leonard has agreed to sign the contract for Horsley Witten Group. We should see this in the next day or so.
2. Mr. Ritter raised a concern about communication during the past weeks and our efforts to get the contract signed. It was agreed that we need to better manage the flow of communications between the parties involved.

Exploratory Muck Removal Project

1. Mr. Leicher reported on the recent meeting of the Conservation Commission. The muck removal project has been completed, and the muck found to be drier than anticipated. The Commission was pleased with the execution of the project, but cautioned that future muck removal would likely face considerable scrutiny.

Annual Drawdown

1. The pump is not operating, despite considerable efforts by Mr. Ricci and others. The consensus is that ice has formed in the intake pipe, restricting the flow of water to the pump. The Conservation Commission is satisfied that the current water level (up about 12" from the 5' drawdown) and snow pack will prevent the downstream wetlands from drying, and that we do not need to maintain flow with the pump.

2. Rick Dickson has offered the use of an underwater camera.
3. Given the failure of the pump, and with the concurrence of the Conservation Commission, we have initiated the spring refill. Notices to abutters went out over the past weekend.

Other Business

1. Mr. Leicher reported on his discussions with Ross Associates, the engineering firm representing the owner of the Peninsula Road property that is the subject of recent Conservation Commission action regarding clearcutting of trees. Mr. Leicher has agreed to seek additional photographs of the site before the trees were removed.
2. Mr. Ritter will begin to organize the amphibian count. Phyllis Clawson may be a good resource.
3. Mr. Leicher reported that Chris Ashley will not be able to lead the summer weed pulls. Suggestions included making the work a senior class project, seeking someone through the Town's tax abatement work program, and possibly offering a beach sticker as compensation.
4. Mr. Ritter reported a conversation with Ryan Andrews and the rebuilding of the beach kiosk. Mr. Andrews will present a plan to us before beginning work.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10PM.



Nicholas Browse

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