

# Bare Hill Pond Watershed Management Committee

## MEETING NOTES

Date: February 27, 2008

Members Chris Ashley Bill Johnson  
Present: Bob Blanck Bruce Leicher  
Nick Browse

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A quorum being present, Mr. Leicher called the meeting to order at 7:50PM.

### Secretary's Report - Mr. Browse

1. Minutes of the meeting of January 23, 2008 were reviewed and approved.

### Treasurer's Report - Mr. Johnson

1. Mr. Johnson reported that after excluding funds already committed to ENSR for the pond monitoring just completed, available funds stand as follows:

\$ 7,277.80	Annual committee budget account
\$ 10,753.17	Pump electrical account
\$ 0	CPA account
\$ 23,352.14	Pump project reimbursables account
\$ 1,551.94	Gift accounts (two)

He noted that the town is missing one electric bill, and that there is probably an additional \$800 in electric expense not reflected in the above.

2. Mr. Johnson proposed that we pay Horsley Witten out of our annual budget (drawing this account down to zero) and then out of the pump project reimbursables account. The pump electrical account is restricted to paying for electric charges only, and it is likely that we will have to return the unused balance (around \$10,000) to the town. He will speak to Lorraine Leonard after Town Meeting about the possibility of making a comparable amount available either to pay Horsley Witten or for remedial work to correct pump icing.

### Town Center Storm Water Treatment Project

1. Mr. Browse reported on a series of communications with Horsley Witten about doing the field survey (scheduled for two weeks ago but postponed due to snow

cover) and about schedule, showing April 30 completion. He also noted that he has received the countersigned contract from them.

2. Mr. Johnson presented his draft narrative describing the project scope. He will contact Jane Pierce at DEP and ask for a meeting to review the scope with her. Other members of the committee expressed interest in attending as their schedules permit.

#### Other Business

1. The committee discussed possible technical solutions to the problem noted last month of the freezing of the pump intake pipe. No conclusions were reached.
2. Mr. Leicher reported that no-one has come forward to lead the summer weed pulls. Mr. Browse agreed to contact the Town and the Council on Aging to see if anyone is interested in the Town's tax abatement work program.
3. Mr. Ashley expressed concern about springtime use of the pond by boaters (particularly the crew teams) without life jackets. Risks are increased by the low water temperature at this time of year. It was agreed that the committee has no ability to act on this, but that as concerned individuals we might contact the schools and Town public safety officials.
4. Mr. Leicher noted that he has served as chair of the committee for some time, and would be willing to relinquish the position should someone else be interested. Committee membership runs from the date of Town Meeting; it was agreed to add this as an agenda item at our April meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00PM.



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Nicholas Browse

February 28, 2008