

Bare Hill Pond Watershed Management Committee

MEETING NOTES

Date: March 26, 2008

Members Chris Ashley 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 February 27, 2008 were reviewed and approved.

Treasurer's Report - Mr. Johnson

1. Mr. Johnson provided a report indicating the following fund balances:

\$ 5,376.00	Annual committee budget account
\$ 9,001.12	Pump electrical account
\$ 0	CPA account
\$ 23,352.14	Pump project reimbursables account
\$ 1,551.94	Gift accounts (two)

He also noted that in the warrant for the upcoming Town Meeting, our recommended budget for FY2009 is \$33,500.

Town Center Storm Water Treatment Project

1. Mr. Browse & Mr. Leicher reported on their meeting (with Bill Johnson) with Jane Pierce, administrator of the s319 grant program. She is encouraging about our plans, and it appears to be a good fit for the goals of the grant program. Grant request documents will be available April 1, with proposals due June 3. She has a total of \$2M available, and typically awards 12-15 grants. It is highly unlikely she would make an award over \$500K; \$300K is a more reasonable maximum to expect. We should break our project into pieces if needed to fit within this.
2. Horsley Witten has completed their field survey. They feel that good solutions are available for all the sites with the possible exception of site #1 (downhill from the Catholic Church), and discussed their progress in a conference call on

3/14. Digging of test pits is being coordinated with Rich Nota (DPW head), and is scheduled for Monday, 3/31.

3. Mr. Johnson agreed to make informal contacts with the Conservation Commission to keep them aware of progress on the project.

Other Business

1. Mr. Leicher reported on the work of Bob Blanck in updating the Town's Open Space Plan as it relates to the pond. Sections relating to pond management and drawdowns have required significant revisions. The open space plan is necessary for the town to receive Community Preservation Act funds.
2. Mr. Browse reported that we may have found a weed pull coordinator through the Council on Aging and the Town's tax abatement work program. The individual still needs to get details on the work from Rick Dickson, but is expected to commit to the job in mid-April.
3. Mr. Ricci & Mr. Leicher reported they have both attempted to start the pump in the past few days, and the system remains inoperable, thus casting doubt on the theory that the problems are due to icing in the intake line. Mr. Ricci will contact the area manager for Allen Bradley drives for assistance.
4. Mr. Ritter has organized volunteers for the annual frog count. Mr. Leicher agreed to conduct the turtle survey.
5. Mr. Leicher proposed, and the committee agreed, that our planned discussion of committee chairmanship be deferred until either the April or May meeting, when hopefully the full committee will be in attendance.
6. Mr. Ashley noted that he has records of committee meetings and also pump design notes at home. It was agreed that meeting records should be provided to the town, and notes relating to the pump should be stored at the pump house.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20PM.



Nicholas Browse

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