

Bare Hill Pond Watershed Management Committee

MEETING NOTES

Date: April 23, 2008

Members Chris Ashley Bruce Leicher

Present: Bob Blanck Ron Ricci

Nick Browse

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 March 23, 2008 were reviewed and approved.

Town Center Storm Water Treatment Project

1. Mr. Browse & Mr. Leicher reported on discussions Bill Johnson has had over the past week with the Town Administrator Tim Bragan, regarding the Committee budget for the coming year and how to organize payment to Horsley Witten. It had been proposed to seek CPC funding for the amount needed to pay Horsley Witten, and to reduce the Committee budget for the 2009 budget year by a corresponding amount. This would assist with the current Town budget difficulties, and would leverage state funds towards paying Horsley Witten. After some discussion between Mr. Johnson and Mr. Bragan, it was decided not to pursue this, as the amount in question is not large, it would constrain the use of the funds, and would result in large swings in the Committee budget from year to year.
2. Horsley Witten has submitted a draft of their engineering report. We need to review it and determine the next steps with them, and also to begin the grant writing process.

Other Business

1. Mr. Blanck has completed updating the Town's Open Space Plan as it relates to the pond.
2. Mr. Browse reported that the individual considering the weed pull coordinator's position through the Council on Aging has decided against the job. Judy Warner's name has come up as another possibility; Mr. Blanck will contact her.

3. Mr. Ricci reported continued unsuccessful attempts to start the pump, and has sent data to the manufacturer of the drive. While we are hoping for assistance from the manufacturer without charge, there remains the possibility of cost for repair parts.
4. We have conducted successful pumped drawdowns for the past two seasons, and decided to defer a pumped drawdown for this coming winter of 2008/09. Whether to conduct a gravity drawdown or no drawdown at all was left unresolved.

Committee Organization

1. Mr. Leicher has agreed to continue as the Committee's Chair. Mr. Browse has agreed to continue as Secretary.
2. Due to his recent election to the Board of Selectmen, Mr. Ricci has resigned from the Pond Committee (thanks for all of your hard work!) We feel that it would be helpful to fill this vacancy with someone with strength in community organizing (such as weed pulls and the public education segment of the Stormwater Management project.)

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15PM.



Nicholas Browse

April 25, 2008