

# Bare Hill Pond Watershed Management Committee

## MEETING NOTES

Date: May 28, 2008

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

Others Michelle West, Horsley Witten Group  
Present: Brian Kuchar, Horsley Witten Group

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A quorum being present, the meeting was called order at 7:40AM.

### Secretary's Report - Mr. Browse

1. Minutes of the meeting of April 23, 2008 were reviewed and approved. Appreciation was expressed to Mr. Leicher for his willingness to continue to serve as Chair, and to Mr. Browse for serving as Secretary.

### Town Center Storm Water Treatment Project - Mr. Johnson

1. Mr. Johnson presented an early draft of the planned grant proposal for the Section 319 Non-Point Source Pollution Grant Program. Discussion ensued on the following topics:
  - a. The project will span three years, with the proposal requesting financing for two years in approximately equal amounts. This will allow us to maximize the Town contributions while we complete the engineering and other preparations for construction.
  - b. The draft proposal assumed the removal of pond muck at a constant rate over three years. We feel however that removal will be slower during the first year as we gain experience and build the confidence of the Conservation Commission. The amount of phosphorus removed during this process is yet to be estimated.
  - c. Horsley Witten's draft study suggests that only a limited portion of the runoff from the Town common and Catholic Church can be treated at site BHP-1. They will evaluate alternatives permitting a higher rate of treatment.

- d. Horsley Witten's draft study ranks the various treatment sites for practicality, assuming that cost is a determining factor in whether or not a site receives treatment. We are planning to include all sites in our grant request, however, and so cost is not a factor. Horsley Witten will revise their study to remove reference to this ranking.
2. The committee extended its appreciation to Horsley Witten for their responsiveness and assistance in preparing the grant request.

Treasurer's Report - Mr. Johnson

1. Mr. Johnson provided a report indicating the following fund balances:
  - \$ 628.00 Annual committee budget account (initial balance \$18,500)
  - \$ 8,807.09 Pump electrical account (initial balance \$15,000)
  - \$ 23,352.14 Pump project reimbursables account
  - \$ 1,551.94 Gift accounts (two)
2. We will not spend the pump electrical account down, but Tim Bragan has agreed that ongoing weed harvester repairs will not be charged to the Pond Committee.

Other Business

1. Mr. Blanck reported on his discussions with Judy Warner regarding the organization of weed pulls. She is willing to manage the beachfront during the weed pulls; Mr. Blanck agreed to handle publicity and other activities. Together this covers most of the work, with the exception of running a boat during the actual weed pulls. Mr. Johnson agreed to allow the use of his boat, and will get the Committee-owned motor operational. Weed pulls have been set for June 21, July 19, and August 2, all Saturdays, time to be determined.
2. Mr. Leicher discussed a suggestion he has made to the Park & Recreation Committee that we pay the costs of a lifeguard to assist with weed pulls. No response has yet been received.
3. Mr. Leicher noted a request from the Council on Aging to participate in a fashion show fundraiser in the fall. Mr. Browse has already agreed to participate as a model at the behest of another committee; does the Pond Committee wish to offer a raffle prize?
4. Mr. Leicher has received a request from a Lee Lyman of Lycott Environmental regarding the possible sale or lease of the weed harvester. It seems the harvester is in demand for use on other ponds. It was agreed that the harvester is a valuable asset to the Town, and that the few thousand dollars spent on annual maintenance is worthwhile.
5. Mr. Ritter asked if anyone had heard from Ryan Andrews, who had agreed to rebuild the beach kiosk. Mr. Ritter will contact him directly.

6. Mr. Ritter reported that turnout has been light for two recent frog counts. Another count will be scheduled for June 1, with generous advance notice given.
7. Mr. Leicher discussed a grant opportunity identified by Rick Dickson. This is an award of \$10,000 made to a town, in recognition of a real estate broker who volunteers on behalf of his community. Mr. Leicher has filled out the requisite application.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45PM.



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Nicholas Browse

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