

Bare Hill Pond Watershed Management Committee

MEETING NOTES

Date: October 22, 2008

Members Bob Blanck Tom Gormley
Present: Nick Browse Jeff Ritter

A quorum being present, the meeting was called order at 7:35PM.

Secretary's Report - Mr. Browse

1. We welcome Mr. Gormley's appointment to the Committee by the selectmen.
2. Minutes of the meeting of August 26, 2008 were reviewed and approved.
3. The meeting scheduled for September was not held.

Land Clearing at 38 Peninsula Road - Mr. Ritter & Mr. Blanck

1. Mr. Ritter summarized the recent activities of the Conservation Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, and Zoning Enforcement Officer. The upcoming milestone is for the homeowners to produce a plan of remediation for the ZBA by November 15.
2. Mr. Blanck noted his discussions with the homeowners at the recent Conservation Commission meeting, and an expression of interest by the homeowners in seeking input from him. After discussion, we concluded that informal conversations might be helpful, but that care should be taken to ensure that all members of the Pond Committee speak with a consistent voice. Mr. Blanck agreed to respond to any requests for his assistance, but not to seek out the homeowners.
3. We feel that the Committee has had some success in promoting the issue of watershed restoration in this matter. It was suggested that we send a periodic letter to pond abutters reminding them of their rights and responsibilities regarding land clearing around the pond.

Town Center Storm Water Treatment Project

1. Mr. Ritter noted that Mr. Johnson will present our grant request to the CPC at their meeting tomorrow evening 10/23.

Other Business

1. Mr. Ritter noted that the Town is beginning the budget process early this year, in an attempt to avoid likely budget cuts late in the process. It is unclear what impact this may have on our budget.
2. Recent emails have indicated that the VFD for the pump has been repaired and reinstalled, but not yet tested. Mr. Ritter will contact Mr. Ashley & Ron Ricci about such testing, and about any other winterizing work needed.
3. Mr. Gormley asked what the Pond Committee might do about rocks in the pond just off the boat launching ramp. We discussed splitting the rocks or marking them with a buoy.
4. Mr. Ritter indicated a lack of progress on the restoration of the beach kiosk. He will attempt to contact Ryan Andrews, who had agreed to do this work some months ago.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40PM.



Nicholas Browse

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