

# Bare Hill Pond Watershed Management

## MEETING NOTES

Date: September 22, 2009

Members Present: Nick Browse, Bruce Leicher (Chair), Bill Johnson,  
Tom Gormley, Jeff Ritter, Bob Blanck

Others Present: John Chapman, resident

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

### Secretary's Report - Mr. Browse

1. Minutes of the meeting of August 25, 2009 were reviewed and approved.

### Treasurer's Report - Mr. Johnson

1. Mr. Johnson reported that our fund balances are unchanged from the prior month:  
\$ 32,799.57 Annual committee budget account (initial balance \$33,500)  
\$119,104.00 CPA funds approved at town meeting.

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

1. Mr. Johnson gave a summary of the current tasks underway on the project, and identified lead contacts from the Pond Committee for each. Since Mr. Johnson has been the project leader to date, this discussion is in part to ensure an effective handoff of grant responsibilities in the case that Mr. Johnson is elected as Selectman in the December election.
2. The first task is closing out the agreement on Horsley Witten's proposal with both DPW and Parks & Rec, so that we can go to bid this winter. Mr. Browse will take the lead. Rich Nota has to sign off, and with all of his issues resolved, should be ready to do so. Parks & Rec is also on board, but needs to give input on schedule details – which BMP sites we will pursue first, second, third, etc.
3. The second item is the excavation of material from the pond bottom in the area of the town beach. Mr. Johnson will take the lead, and Mr. Blanck will shadow him for transition purposes. The excavation will begin after the full drawdown is complete, which will be after November 24 (the new deadline approved by the Cons Comm).
4. Mr. Johnson will handle the quarterly State reporting task for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter ending September 30. Mr. Gormley will continue collecting the volunteer hours data, and submit to Mr. Johnson by September 30 at the latest. All members should report their hours and related volunteer hours to Mr. Gormley as soon as possible before that.
5. Mr. Leicher will continue to lead the management of this year's drawdown.
6. Water quality testing procedures and the recent test results were discussed. According to Mr. Johnson and Mr. Leicher, the DEP grant only requires testing once before BMP installations (2009), and once after (2012). This coincides with the every three years

requirement of the Cons Comm's Order of Conditions for drawdown activities, the timing of which calls for a test this year (2009), and the next one three years later (2012).

7. The recent water quality test results had an abnormal reading of phosphorous levels, with dissolved phosphorous higher than total phosphorous, which isn't physically possible. This makes the test results somewhat questionable. We are awaiting further analysis of this from Wendy Gendron and Alpha Labs. If the results are unusable, we may need to decide whether to conduct a re-test, but for now we we have met the requirement by doing the test.
8. As far as communications planning for the project, Mr. Gormley had no updates, and is waiting for descriptive text from Horsley Witten to use in the FAQ. Mr. Browse will follow up his request to Horsley Witten to obtain that information. Mr. Browse asked whether about near-term opportunities for communication with town residents about the project, including a potential special Town Meeting this fall, and the Flea Market on Columbus Day weekend. We're not aware of a special Town Meeting at this time, and as far as the Flea Market goes, we may have passed the deadline to participate, and no members volunteered to staff it for the Pond Committee, as some may be away for the weekend. We will continue to monitor opportunities and take advantage where we can.

#### Other Business

1. We appreciated the participation of John Chapman, pond resident and new town resident with potential interest in joining the Pond Committee in the future.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45PM.

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Tom Gormley, September 22, 2009