

# Bare Hill Pond Watershed Management Committee

## MEETING NOTES

Date: February 25, 2009

Members Chris Ashley Bill Johnson  
Present: Bob Blanck Bruce Leicher, Chair  
Nick Browse Jeff Ritter  
Tom Gormley Liz Swain

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

### Minutes & Membership

1. Minutes of the meeting of January 28, 2009 were reviewed and approved.
2. Mr. Leicher suggested that Ms. Swain join the committee and fill our vacant student member position. Approved by unanimous consent of all present. Welcome aboard!

### Treasurer's Report - Mr. Johnson

1. Mr. Johnson reported no expenses in the last month, and the following fund balances:

\$ 31,536.39	Annual committee budget account (initial balance \$33,500)
\$ 10,997.16	Pump project reimbursables account
\$ 926.66	Gift account
\$ 478.37	Gift account

### ZBA Appeal for 38 Peninsula Road

1. Town counsel Mark Lanza has stated that the Pond Committee does not have standing to appeal the zoning officer's decision directly. While we are not certain that this view is correct, we feel there is little point in arguing it. We continue to believe, however, that we need to take a public position that the proposed remediation is inadequate.
2. Since we are unable to appeal the decision directly, we need to ask another town body to appeal on our behalf. The Conservation Commission could do so, but this would be awkward as they are already a party to the original decision.

3. It was suggested that we would ask for time at the March 3<sup>rd</sup> Selectmen's meeting to request that the Selectmen enter an appeal on our behalf. Approved by unanimous vote (Mr. Ashley not present at this time.) It was further suggested that should the Selectmen decline, we would file our own appeal. Approved by unanimous vote (Mr. Ashley not present at this time.) We recognize that filing our own appeal leaves open the question of our standing to do so, but at least puts the Pond Committee on record regarding the proposed remediation plan.
4. In advance of the March 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting we will contact members of the Selectmen and the Conservation Commission so that our actions do not come as a surprise.

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

1. Contracts with DEP and with Horsley Witten have been signed.
2. Mr. Johnson summarized his conversations with the Community Preservation Committee. They will be putting a grant of \$119K (up from \$79K) on the upcoming Town Meeting warrant. This is comprised of the originally-requested \$79K plus an additional \$40K to cover the possibility that the town might be unable to do the pond muck removal this year as planned. They will also expect future requests of \$80K for the second and third years of muck removal as well.

Other Business

1. Ms. Swain has talked with the Dan Justicz (rowing team coach) about the team assisting with weed pulls. She has also agreed to help organize students for the spring frog counts. She and Mr. Ritter agreed to write a notice for the local papers.
2. Mr. Blanck has talked with the Girl Scouts about helping with weed pulls, and it appears they may be willing to assist regularly (a new group of girls comes to camp each week). We will need to train them.
3. Mr. Leicher, Mr. Johnson, & Mr. Gormley will attend the March 2 Planning Board meeting and offer to develop a pond overlay zoning district.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35PM.



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Nicholas Browse

February 26, 2009