

Bare Hill Pond Watershed Management Committee

MEETING NOTES

Date: April 22, 2009

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

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

Minutes & General Business

1. Minutes of the meeting of February 25, 2009 were reviewed and approved.
2. Due to lack of a quorum, the March meeting was not held.
3. Mr. Leicher suggested an alternate meeting time due to a regular conflict on the part of one of the members. It was agreed to shift the monthly meetings to the fourth Tuesday of the month. The next meeting will thus be Tuesday, May 26. Mr. Gormley will notify town hall and confirm the availability of a meeting room.

Treasurer's Report - Mr. Johnson

1. Mr. Johnson reported only electric bills since the last meeting, and the following fund balances:

\$ 31,123.67	Annual committee budget account (initial balance \$33,500)
\$ 10,997.16	Pump project reimbursables account
\$ 926.66	Gift account
\$ 478.37	Gift account

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

1. Mr. Johnson asked for help in tracking volunteer hours for credit toward our match for the project. Mr. Gormley agreed to assist. Committee members agreed to tally our hours monthly and forward them to Tom.
2. An invoice has been received from Horsley Witten for engineering work on the project. Mr. Browse will contact Michelle West to ask about progress, and to suggest a concept review meeting with us and with Park and Rec before work proceeds much farther.

3. Mr. Browse & Mr. Ritter will man an information table at Town Meeting. We are asking for CPA funds for the project and feel that some outreach is needed.
4. Mr. Gormley agreed to draft a plan for public communications for the project by the May meeting.

ZBA Appeal for 38 Peninsula Road

1. A satisfactory agreement has been reached with the Mace's regarding additional plantings.

Other Business

1. Ryan Andrews has completed work on the new beach kiosk. Mr. Ritter will ask him to forward any expenses. Mr. Leicher will send a letter of appreciation.
2. At the recent Mass. COLAP conference, Mr. Ritter returned with a sign asking boaters to avoid introducing invasive weeds into the pond. It was suggested that we locate this at the rope where beach passes are checked. We will provide a hose and sprayer, and ask Park & Rec to have the students request boaters wash their hulls before putting in. Mr. Ritter will coordinate with Rich Nota and with Jim Lee.
3. The pump is once again operating, although winter freezing damaged the vacuum pump which requires repair. Mr. Johnson reported discussions with Mark Cooper about insulating the building, and providing a safety catwalk above the top of the pit.
4. We agreed to pursue installation of a pond depth sensor which will allow for automated operation of the pump system. This will be a submerged sensor with factory-attached cable, and thus fully covered under warranty. Estimated cost is \$600 for the sensor plus \$2/foot for the cable.
5. The first frog count was conducted April 1; a second count is anticipated within the next week, depending upon weather.
6. Mr. Johnson asked about the schedule for pond water sampling, noting that it is required in advance of any construction work on the stormwater management project, and also that we generally sample the pond every three years. Wendy Gendron from ENSR has volunteered to teach us the protocol for sampling; this would save cost, and also be more responsive, since sampling must be performed promptly after rain events. Agreed; Mr. Johnson will pursue.
7. Mr. Blanck asked if the Pond Committee has any interest in providing programming for the Town's cable television channel. Mr. Leicher indicated that he may have copies of tapes produced in the past.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10PM.



Nicholas Browse

April 24, 2009