

# Bare Hill Pond Watershed Management

## MEETING NOTES

Date: February 24, 2010

Members Present: Bruce Leicher (Chair), Tom Gormley, Jeff Ritter, Robert Blanck,  
Bill Johnson, Liz Swain

Others:  
Present:

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

### Secretary's Report - Mr. Gormley

1. Minutes of the meeting of January 26, 2010 were reviewed and approved.

### Treasurer's Report - Mr. Johnson

01490	Annual budget of \$33,500		\$ 18,278.67
01489	CPC grant of \$119,104		\$ 67,310.07
27023	State reimbursement fund		\$ 45,585.41
26612	Bare Hill Pond gift fund	Paid for boat ramp	\$ 0.00
26622	Bare Hill Sun Hill gift fund	Paid for boat ramp	\$ 0.00
	<b>Total</b>		\$131,174.08

- We closed out our balances in two gift funds (accounts 26612 and 26622) to pay for the BHPWMC portion of the new boat ramp costs.
- Bill will submit the \$9k request for reserve funds to fix the harvester this week.
- \$216,838 remaining from the STP grant first round
- Bill has submitted a grant reimbursement request to the DEP for \$39,523 for the stormwater project, which will give us \$85k total for construction costs, enough to last the summer.
- \$216,838 remaining from the STP grant first round

### Education and Outreach – Mr. Gormley

1. Intro Letter – Approved by committee for use with new pond property owners.
2. Pond committee Calendar – approved with comments from Bruce and Bob
- 3.

### Stormwater Treatment Project – Mr. Browse

1. Getting to the bidding step has been slowed by the need for new drawings from Horsley Witten to address the location of canoe racks which are in the way of the swale in the current design. However, we expect that will be resolved in time to keep the bidding process on schedule for February.

### Boat Ramp - Mr. Johnson

1. Cons Comm approved the RDA on Jan. 7. The ramp will be installed this week. Mr. Ritter will call the Press for photo opportunities.

### Drawdowns – Mr. Leicher and others

1. Tom Cotton of the Rowing Association, along with Mr. Leicher, experimented with breaking up rocks that are in the way of boats during drawdowns, with sledge hammers. Mr. Leicher said the rocks are “schist” and can be broken easily. Mr. Cotton’s report via email wasn’t as optimistic, but he plans to organize a work party of rowers to break up those in the main path (not near the beach). They will also plan to use buoys to mark some of the rocks so that boats can go around them.
2. Mr. Leicher and Mr. Ritter reported ConsCom’s request for solutions to measuring the height of our drawdowns in the Fall, to address the questions and concerns raised by residents last Fall. We discussed alternatives, including painting the pipe attached to the pump house at intervals of different heights from 3 to 6 feet. Residents would be able to see the drawdown progress / height by looking at the water level relative to the markings. Mr. Ritter will review this with DPW for their input.
3. We’ve been running the pump to keep the water level as constant as possible during recent heavy rains, so that a rising level doesn’t disrupt the ice, making it unsafe.

### Education and Outreach – Mr. Gormley

#### Other

1. We will change the day of our monthly meetings from Tuesday to Wednesday nights, same time and place, for the next three months (February, March, and April). This is to allow Bill Johnson to attend our meetings in this period, since he has a conflict with EDAT meetings on Tuesday nights. After that, we will revert to Tuesday nights.
2. Mr. Gormley reminded the committee of the watershed management meeting this coming weekend at Devens.
3. Mr. Gormley asked about the mandatory training required for all town board members, on the topic of open meeting laws. Mr. Browse said he’d taken it already.

### Next Meeting – Mr. Leicher

1. Mr. Leicher said the next meeting will be Wednesday, February 24.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45PM.

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Tom Gormley, February 24, 2009