

Bare Hill Pond Watershed Management Committee

MEETING NOTES

Date: March 24, 2010

Members Bob Blanck Jeff Ritter
Present: Nick Browse Liz Swain
Bill Johnson

Others Patrick Doherty, Conservation Commission
Present: Janet Waldron, Conservation Commission
Caroline Hart
Bill Larson

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 7:30PM by Mr. Ritter.

Treasurer's Report - Mr. Johnson

1. Mr. Johnson reported the following fund balances:

\$ 15,481.49	Annual committee budget account
67,310.07	CPA account
85,108.71	Stormwater management project reimbursable account
<u>238.55</u>	Gift account
\$168,138.82	Total
2. In addition, we have been approved for \$9,000 from the Town Reserve Fund for repairs to the harvester. Mr. Johnson has been in contact with the Highway Department, which has committed to completing repairs by June 1st.

Stormwater Management Project

1. The Notice of Intent has been filed with the Conservation Commission, and a hearing has been scheduled for April 1. The site walk has been scheduled for Tuesday, March 30.
2. Mr. Johnson reported on his conversations with Jane Pierce (s.319 grant administrator), and expects to have approval on the second phase of the grant in a week or so.
3. With our inability to do the work at site BHP-1 due to land ownership issues, we will be unable to complete a significant piece of the project. In lieu of this, Mr.

- a. Pursue the muck-to-soil project to determine its feasibility, with regard to both soil quality and economics. Mr. Blanck will contact UMass and UConn regarding soil quality testing.
- b. Contact Larry Boutiette of the USDA for advice in locating a further BMP. Mr. Browse agreed to coordinate with Mr. Leicher.

So that the grant funding is not jeopardized, we should have an agreed solution in hand by the end of June.

Conservation Commission

1. We have received an Enforcement Order requiring the removal of the muck and rocks and the cleanup of the beach area by April 1. Mr. Ritter will coordinate with Rich Nota.

Other Business

1. Mr. Ritter reported that the frogs are out, and that the spring frog counts would probably begin next week.
2. Mr. Ritter read a notice circulated by Mr. Leicher, announcing a workshop this Friday 3/26 by the SuAsCo Watershed Community Council.
3. General comments on the outreach event last week were few although generally positive. Mr. Gormley is continuing to work with the high school science faculty. Mr. Johnson observed that our stormwater management grant proposal included face-to-face meeting with pond abutters.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45PM.



Nicholas Browse

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