

Bare Hill Pond Watershed Management Committee

MEETING NOTES

Date: March 28, 2011, 7:30pm
Place: Hildreth House

Members Present: Robert Blanck, Nick Browse, Tom Gormley, Mark Hardy, Bruce Leicher(Chair),
Jeff Ritter, Liz Swain

Others Present: Bill Johnson (BoS), Jaye Waldron (Conservation Commission)

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

Secretary's Report – Mr. Gormley
Minutes from February 28th, 2011 were approved with several minor changes.

Treasurer's Report - Mr. Ritter

01490	Annual budget of \$33,500		\$ 0.00
01489	CPC grant of \$119,104		\$ 0.00
27023	State reimbursement fund		\$ 93,320.76
26612	Gift account		\$ 238.55
	Total		\$ 93,559.21

1. Wendy Gendron's bill for \$270 is in.

Stormwater Project / Finances

1. Pond Committee members and other volunteers should send their Q1 hours to Mr. Gormley by Friday, April 1st, so he can consolidate them and send to Bill Johnson for state reporting.
2. Mr. Hardy signed an agreement for \$20,500 with Horsley Witten, which includes 11,500 for BHP-8 re-engineering; 8,000 for their excavation study; 1,000 for presentation to Cons Comm.
3. Friday, April 1 Horsley Witten will start their survey, and can use the town boat for it. Mr. Browse can't be there to point out the location of berm, but Mr. Johnson will try to be there.
4. Parks & Rec hasn't responded to calls for their input. Bill Johnson will try to help.
5. Horsley Witten's estimate for its second proposal for additional treatment sites was increased to \$25,800. A member made a motion to approve an increase in the amount for this work from \$25,000 to \$25,800. It was seconded, and passed unanimously.
6. The additional site on Tahanto Trail is on track. The property owner wants us (Horsley Witten) to provide the plans for the site, but will pay for the work himself.
7. Maintenance plans for BHP sites – for the quarterly report, Mr. Hardy will ask Michelle (Horsley Witten) for a template. Current drawings will be included in report.

Drawdown update

1. We're currently at 10" below normal, 18" below summer level.

2. Any mud bergs seen? Just a tree stump near Larsens, which he'll remove.

Conservation Commission

1. Wendy Gendron met with Cons Comm as planned. Feedback from Cons Comm includes: Pond Committee should have Wendy continue monitoring; It was good to have an expert come talk with Cons Comm, and ask her questions; would like her to also look for watershed impacts while monitoring; Wendy built confidence in Pond Committee at least with members who were there (several were absent).
2. Cons Comm asked Wendy whether there is value to varying the depth of drawdowns annually. She said no, there's enough variation already in winter conditions.

Other

1. The water / ice level marker sign installed last year is now gone (sunk). It must have fallen over due to ice. We will try to find it, but we probably need a different solution for next winter.
2. Personnel – We have some new people interested in or being asked about joining the Pond Committee. Doug Coots is a wetlands biologist. Mr. Gormley has inquired with Carrie Fisher. Caroline Hart, student and member of the Rowing Association has expressed interest in joining us.
3. Outreach plans. Mr. Gormley and Ms. Pierce will staff a table at the upcoming town meeting. Mr. Leicher suggested one or more summer barbecue style outreach events, including one at the beach. Mr. Gormley will pursue that, including a beach date in June before school is out, and one or more in the neighborhoods on the west site of the pond, including Clinton Shores.

The meeting was adjourned by proper motion at 9PM.

Tom Gormley
Secretary

Documents Reviewed at this meeting:

1. Meeting agenda
2. February, 2011 meeting minutes.