

# Bare Hill Pond Watershed Management Committee

## MEETING NOTES

Date: August 3, 2011, 7:30pm  
Place: Town Hall meeting room

Members Present: Robert Blanck, Bruce Leicher (Chair), Mark Hardy, Deb Pierce, Tom Gormley, Paul Wood

Associate Members Present: Jeff Ritter, Morey Kraus

Others Present:

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

### Motion to Approve three new Associate Members

The Board of Selectmen met with each of our Associate Member candidates (Morey Kraus, Peter von Losecke, and Jeff Ritter) and approved their appointments. This committee then motioned to approve these appointments, and Ms. Pierce seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor.

### Committee Personnel Discussion

1. *Motion to Approve three new Associate Members.* The Board of Selectmen met with each of our Associate Member candidates (Morey Kraus, Peter von Losecke, and Jeff Ritter) and approved their appointments. This committee then motioned to approve these appointments, and Ms. Pierce seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor.
2. Mr. Ritter has discussed Mr. von Losecke replacing him as Treasurer. No others have expressed interest at this time. Mr. von Losecke will inform us later of his decision.
3. *Motion to appoint Mr. Leicher as Chair of this committee.* Mr. Leicher expressed willingness. The vote was unanimous in favor.
4. *Motion to appoint Mr. Hardy as Associate Chair, and Mr. Gormley as Secretary.* Both expressed willingness to fill these roles. The vote was unanimous in favor.
5. Mr. Browse has completed his appointment and is no longer a committee member, so we need to find a replacement for him. The Board of Selectmen's input is to give priority to female candidates and non-abutters if possible, to balance out the committee.

### Committee Meeting Dates

1. Mr. Browse will be unavailable at the Sept. 26 meeting. Mr. Hardy will chair the meeting.
2. Mr. Blanck would prefer going back to meeting on Wednesday nights, over Mondays. We will bring this back up at next meeting.

### Secretary's Report – Mr. Gormley

1. Motion to approve Minutes from our June 27, 2011. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Treasurer's Report - Mr. Ritter (acting as Treasurer for this meeting)

Mr. Ritter did not have a new balances report in time for this meeting. There was one new invoice for \$230 for the June 18 outreach event.

01490	Annual budget of \$33,500		\$	n/a
01489	CPC grant of \$119,104		\$	n/a
27023	State reimbursement fund	Received ~ \$59k since last month	\$	n/a
26612	Gift account		\$	n/a
	<b>Total</b>		\$	n/a

Annual Report

1. Mr. Leicher is writing the Committee's Annual Report, including the findings from Wendy Gendron's latest report on water quality and invasive weeds (she is seeing more native species vs. past years, which she attributes to successful results from drawdowns).
2. Committee members and Ms. Gendron will meet again with the Conservation Commission on September 1 to continue the discussion of Committee efforts and results.

Weed Pulls

1. A successful event was held in July, with good but slightly lower volunteer turnout. Several boat loads of water chestnut were collected. No further weed pulls will be required this year, but we will probably use them again next year.

Drawdowns

1. We will start the gravity drawdown on Sept. 1 per our plan, same as recent years.
2. Rich Nota (DPW) will overhaul dam boards after the gravity drawdown (end of October).

Stormwater Project

1. Punch list – Mr. Nota has completed his work. Our contractor will wait til September, including replacing the plastic mats along Pond Rd.
2. BMP-8 – Mr. Blanck is talking with Mr. Nota about using increased sweeping of this BMP as an alternative to a new design and construction. Mr. Nota is amenable to this approach. The Cons Comm wants to reduce water flow carrying sand into the pond and eroding the boat "put in". Mr. Ritter said there is no proof that is happening, and will speak with Paul Willard about this.

Five-Year Goals for the Committee

The committee discussed the draft 5-year Strategies and Objectives, to be submitted

1. The idea of creating an overlay district for the watershed has been discussed before and was raised for discussion, as a way to increase enforcement ability of the committee related to wetlands bylaw violations. Mr. Leicher is concerned that it has potential to create divisiveness among town residents and leaders. He suggested and committee members agreed that we should stay for now with current arrangement "continuing cooperation with other town boards, but keep the overlay idea open for future consideration.
2. We agreed to remove the word "professional" in the items under "Monitoring", to read "Conduct water quality...invasive weed...measurements", rather than "Conduct Professional water quality...invasive weed...measurements".
3. We agreed to create a separate header for "Educate and Inform" activities, including the Overlay District idea, changes to our web site, and general outreach activities.

Other

1. Mr. Gormley and the committee discussed further outreach opportunities for the summer and fall seasons, including a table at the Flea Market (Oct. 22), the August end-of-season beach bonfire, or another weekend date at the beach.
2. Ms. Pierce volunteered to represent the Pond Committee on the Master Plan Committee, which is meeting on Aug. 19.
3. We will not meet on our regular 4<sup>th</sup> Monday this month. Next meeting will be September 26.

The meeting was adjourned by proper motion at 8:40PM.

---

Tom Gormley  
Secretary

Documents Reviewed at this meeting:

1. Meeting agenda
2. Draft of 5-year plan
3. July 30 letter from Wendy Gendron reporting her recent monitoring results.