

# Bare Hill Pond Watershed Management Committee

## MEETING NOTES

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

Members Present: Bruce Leicher (chair), Robert Blanck, Mark Hardy, Tom Gormley, Paul Wood, Caroline Hart (student)

### Associate Members

Present: Peter von Losecke, Morey Kraus, Jeff Ritter

### Others

Present: Jaye Waldron (Cons Comm), Bill Johnson (BoS)

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

### Secretary's Report – Mr. Gormley

1. Motion to approve Minutes from October 24, 2011. The vote was unanimous in favor.

### Excavation Project

1. All permits are in hand, and the contract was signed today (according to Mr. Johnson).
2. One week away from site prep and first shovel. We will update Cons Comm on Thursday.

### Drawdown

1. DPW is installing a new measuring method for the pond level, affixed to the pipe at 1-foot (depth) intervals. Markers will be sighted, accurate, and tamperproof.
2. Wendy Gendron said the freeze rule for ending the drawdown in winter, is more important than the Nov. 30 guideline.
3. The coffer dam we installed is only partly helping. DPW will need to re-build it.

### Treasurer's Report - Mr. von Loesecke

01490	Annual budget of \$33,500		\$ 19,169
01124	CPC grant of \$79,000		\$ 73,750
27023	State reimbursement fund	ESTIMATE (to be updated)	\$ 62,182
26612	Gift account		\$ 13
	<b>Total</b>		\$ 155,114

1. Mr. von Loesecke will update us on an expected additional \$79k coming into the state reimbursement fund; we have the funds but they have been held in the wrong account since last summer.
2. The CPC account number previously used (01489) was wrong; the correct number is above.
3. Mr. von Loesecke introduced a new Treasurer's report for balance tracking.
4. For our budget update, we will assume less and less harvesting; new ideas including hydro rake, herbicide, vacuum (at least due diligence, but probably fundable by 319 grant). ÷

### Conservation Commission Meeting

1. Mr. Hardy and Wendy Gendron attended the meeting on September 1 and said it went very well. Some members of the Commission are more comfortable than they were before we starting meeting with them with Ms. Gendron.
2. Cons Comm approved the drawdown plans for this fall, up to 7 feet as requested.
3. Cons Comm requested that we also look into additional monitoring of incoming water sources to the pond, to the extent feasible.

### Stormwater Project – Additional BMPs

1. The design of BMP-8 will need to address the needs of the Rowing Association, beach users, and others. Parks & Rec will host a meeting on Dec. 5 for discussion. Might need to move the canoe racks.
2. There is concern the design might create a skating rink effect in the parking lot.
3. Timing is such that BMP-8 must be done by the time of the 2012 drawdown, in order to fix the boat ramp as part of the project.
4. We will look at the timing again in January and then take it to Cons Comm.
5. BMP-9 (Thurston's): planting should be done in spring '13 or fall '12.
6. Paul Willard walked with Mr. Leicher through the BMP by the beach and reviewed a punch list of items that are not done yet. Options to either work with DPW on it, or handle it ourselves (Pond Committee) were considered. We agreed to handle it ourselves over the upcoming weekend.

### Other

1. Open Meeting law change will allow people to participate via video or conference call, as long as it is disclosed in the meeting announcement beforehand, and everyone is able to hear, speak and be heard.
2. Outreach. Mr. Gormley proposed getting something into the local papers (Press, Post) about the excavation project. Others agreed and suggested contacting Marty Green to interview one or more committee members for an article, as well as drafting an outline to help them.
3. We will skip our December meeting. Next meeting will be January 23.
4. The pump needs pump oil for the vacuum pump. Mr. Blanck will call Mr. Nota to have it replaced.
5. We need to draft better documentation for the operation of the pump to enable more committee members to run it. Mr. Leicher is currently in charge but needs a backup. Training on an upcoming Sunday was proposed. We're also asking Rich Nota if he will take it over. Mr. Blanck noted that we need a more formal plan for this, and suggested getting Ron Ricci and Chris to write out instructions.

The meeting was adjourned by proper motion at 8:55 PM.

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Tom Gormley  
Secretary

### Documents Reviewed at this meeting:

1. Meeting agenda
2. Treasurer's report