

Bare Hill Pond Watershed Management Committee

MEETING NOTES

Date: October 22, 2012, 7:30pm
Place: Hildreth House

Present

Members: Tom Gormley, Bruce Leicher (chair), Megan Glew, Peter von Loesecke

Others: Bill Johnson (BoS)

Mr. Leicher opened the meeting at 7:30pm.

Secretary's Report – Mr. Gormley

The committee reviewed the meeting minutes from the prior monthly meeting (September). The *Motion to approve* the minutes was unanimous in favor.

Stormwater Treatment (BMP-8/9) – Mr. Johnson

1. All bids are in and opened on October 2nd. We received four bids, the lowest from Trocan (\$118k) and highest was approximately \$160k. These were quite a bit higher than our estimate of \$89k.
2. There will be a pre-construction meeting on October 29 at 2:30pm with Liz Allard, Michelle West of Horsley Witten, and others, to review the requirements, where equipment can be located, and any questions. We're getting a later start than hoped, and Rich Nota is on vacation this week.
3. DPW and Parks & Rec have cleaned up the beach of all kayaks and canoes, and racks. Rowing has moved their equipment to the upper parking lot.

Treasurer's Report – Mr. von Loesecke

1. (see Mr. von Loesecke's monthly report) Projecting to the end of the year our cash balance looks good. Including a refund from CRC of roughly \$30k we should have around \$50k, which was our goal.
2. Update to our 5-year budget.
 - a. Planned shallower drawdowns will reduce our electricity costs in out years.
 - b. Bio monitoring costs will rise in response to Cons Comm's request for additional monitoring. After discussion we agreed that one annual water quality survey and one plant survey every three years will suffice.
 - c. BMP maintenance. The numbers are good but may shift from our budget to DPW's.

Drawdown

1. We're down by 2.5' at this time, right where we want to be. DPW is doing a great job for us. We'll go to 3' by the end of October, on schedule.
2. We need to re-insert boards in the dam before pumping to prevent backflow from the wetlands.

Outreach

1. Mr. Wood reported that the Pond Committee table at the Flea Market was again a success, with

over 75 kids coming to play the “build a boat out of aluminum foil” game. Kids brought their parents along, who asked lots of good questions, mostly about the recent algae blooms and the drawdown. Some commented they think the drawdowns are not helping.

Other

1. Ms. Glew has submitted the application for the Mass. Environmental Trust Grant. We will hear by January whether our application is accepted, and then complete a full proposal if accepted. The grant is for \$18,750 and includes a \$7,250 match, for a total of \$26,000.
2. Algal blooms. Mr. Leicher said he has seen the blooms near the dam but only where the gravel is piled up. He will be speaking with a state expert in algae blooms this Wednesday.

The meeting was adjourned by proper motion at 9 PM.

Tom Gormley
Secretary

Documents Reviewed at this meeting:

1. Meeting agenda
2. Prior months’ meeting minutes – September, 2012.
3. Treasurer’s Report for September, 2012.
4. Five-year Plan update.