

Bare Hill Pond Watershed Management Committee

Meeting Notes

Date: 25 November 2013

Place: Harvard Library

Present

Members: Tom Gormley (co-chair), Peter von Loesecke, Megan Glew, Brian McClain, Ben Roop (student member), Joe Schmidt (Parks and Rec Commission), Steve Gordon (Parks and Rec Commission)

Mr. Gormley opened the meeting at 7:45pm with a quorum.

Secretary's Report

The committee reviewed the meeting minutes from the prior monthly meeting (28 October). A motion to approve the minutes was unanimous in favor.

Treasurer's Report

There was no activity for the month of November. An outstanding amount of \$60,000 for the settlement is still in the report.

Boat Trailer Parking Issue

Mr. Joe Schmidt and Mr. Steve Gordon, both of the Parks and Recreation Commission, attended the meeting to discuss plans for additional parking for boat trailers on Pond Road. The Bromfield School parking lot is to be repaved beginning in June 2014, and it is anticipated to be a long project, therefore alternate spot for parking boat trailers is needed. Mr. Schmidt presented plans for boat trailer parking along Pond Road for 8 spaces. The conceptual site plan presented was prepared by Cal Goldsmith (Land Surveying and Land Planning Company). There was a discussion of perpendicular vs. angled parking spots and the distance between spots as Pond Road is fairly narrow. No pavement is anticipated as grass or gravel will be used in the area and about 30 trees will be removed. A question was raised regarding the capacity of the system to capture water.

Education and Outreach Plans

Open discussion took place regarding education and outreach for the committee. Members recognized that there are several different audiences (abutters, town, schools) and potential topics (use of fertilizers with low phosphates, minimize run-off, invasive plants). There was a shared interest in holding a seminar in late winter/early spring at the library – maybe with Wendy Gendron as the speaker.

The meeting was adjourned by a proper motion at 8:50pm.

Megan A. Glew
Secretary

Documents Reviewed at Meeting:

1. Meeting Agenda
2. Minutes from October 2013 meeting
3. Treasurer's Report
4. Plans for boat trailer parking