

Bare Hill Pond Watershed Management Committee

MEETING NOTES

Date: February 25, 2013, 7:30pm
Place: Hildreth House

Present

Members: Tom Gormley, Bruce Leicher (chair), Megan Glew, Peter von Loesecke, Paul Wood, Deb Pierce

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 (January, 2013). With two minor changes, the *Motion to approve* the minutes was unanimous in favor.

Treasurer's Report – Mr. von Loesecke

1. Projected cash position at the end of FY13 is \$31,748 (see Mr. von Loesecke's monthly report).

Drawdown and Other Weed Management Methods

1. Mr. von Loesecke has contacted Will Stevenson of Lycott asking him to attend our April meeting, to discuss the efficacy of new approaches to reducing weeds, particularly in areas of the pond that are not helped by the drawdowns.
2. We might invite Paul Willard to attend the April meeting to hear what Will Stevenson has to say about alternative methods and the effects of the drawdowns.
3. The alum treatment described at January's COLAP meeting can be helpful, but the impact depends on the quantity used, and whether the alum stays bonded to phosphorous on the pond bottom. Cost estimate is \$30,000.
4. We will need to file a new NOI this summer for the drawdown. Filing is in July with hearings to follow.
5. We discussed whether to invite "circuit riders" from DEP to our April meeting or Cons Comm meetings to lobby Cons Comm on following the GEIR, to support us on the drawdowns.
6. Another idea to help persuade Paul Willard to not call a stop to drawdowns, is to engage supportive citizens to contact Mr. Willard in the same way that other citizens have contacted him to complain about the impact of drawdowns in their parts of the pond.

Monitoring

1. We will engage Wendy Gendron for monitoring this spring and summer, for our year-end DEP report.

Frog Counts

1. Ms. Glew has been in touch with Jeff Ritter about training on frog counts and will arrange a date

with him in the next few weeks.

Outreach and Education

1. We will staff a table at the upcoming town meeting on April 6th. We'll highlight the frog counting opportunity for residents' and students' participation.
2. We will promote the frog counting activity with an article in the Press.
3. We will plan to take advantage of Wendy Gendron's monitoring visits this summer for additional outreach with community members at the beach.

The meeting was adjourned by proper motion at 8:30 PM.

Tom Gormley
Secretary

Documents Reviewed at this meeting:

1. Meeting agenda
2. Prior months' meeting minutes – January, 2013.
3. Treasurer's Report for February 25, 2013.
4. COLAP presentation on Algae Control by Aquatic Control Technology