

# Bare Hill Pond Watershed Management Committee

## MEETING NOTES

Date: July 22, 2013, 7:30pm  
Place: Hildreth House

### Present

Members: Tom Gormley, Bruce Leicher (chair), Paul Wood, Megan Glew

Others: Janet Waldron (Cons Comm)

Mr. Leicher opened the meeting at 7:30pm with a quorum.

### Finance Report

1. DEP is holding back \$30k in state reimbursements for stormwater treatment project, per standard policy. We will receive this after submitting a final report and closing out the project.

### Secretary's Report – Mr. Gormley

The committee reviewed the meeting minutes from the prior monthly meeting (June, 2013). A *Motion to approve* the minutes was unanimous in favor.

### Stormwater Treatment Project

1. The project is done. If there are any remaining issues at the beach sites, Parks & Rec will handle them. For example, there are still complaints from boaters about the shallowness of the new boat ramp. Mr. Wood will contact John Lee of Parks & Rec to confirm they will take responsibility.

### Monitoring –

1. Wendy Gendron will be coming this week (7/24) for additional monitoring, along with Will Stevenson of Lycott to study the invasive weed situation and potential solutions. Mr. Leicher and Ms. Glew will accompany them.
2. Mr. Leicher said the new weeds noticed in front of the Gormley's property is a native called "pond weed".
3. Ms. Gendron will come one more time in early August to do transects.
4. Mr. Wood said the milfoil is covering more of the pond near his property this summer.

### Rowing

1. The committee discussed recent struggles between the Rowing Association and Parks & Rec, which has said it thinks the program has grown too big and should be reduced.
2. Mr. Leicher said Rowing had agreed a year ago to not hold Learn to Row sessions during the late afternoon / early evening, but has continued to do so nonetheless. This is one of the concerns of Parks & Rec.
3. Parks & Rec formed two subcommittees for further discussion and solutions:
  - a. Bob O'Shea (harbor master) is working on a study of boat capacity and boating rules on

- the pond, with input from the Pond Committee. Mr. Gormley volunteered to help.
- b. Boat storage will be addressed by a group including Parks & Rec, Rowing, and the Schools, with input from Cons Comm as needed for the use of any additional space at the beach or elsewhere.

Other

1. We'd like to thank and recognize Bob Blanck and Deb Pierce for their time and efforts as members of the Pond Committee. Mr. Blanck has run the weed pulls for the last several years and contributed his biology expertise to many projects including stormwater treatment and drawdowns. Ms. Pierce has provided a needed link to Bromfield School staff and students.
2. Mr. Leicher discussed the celebration planned on August 8<sup>th</sup> with DEP, to recognize the efforts and the positive results achieved over the past 10 years and through multiple state grants for drawdowns, pump and pump house, and stormwater treatment. DEP is invited by the Pond Committee for this event.
3. Mr. Leicher and Ms. Glew will draft the annual report for 2013, with contributions from others. Mr. Gormley will write a summary of the frog counts this spring and summer.
4. Ms. Waldron mentioned that some blueberry bushes at their shoreline had been cut by someone, and asked if anyone else had experienced this. None had.
5. Mr. Gormley will speak with the Press about an article summarizing the frog count results for the spring and summer.

The meeting was adjourned by proper motion at 8:45 PM.

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Tom Gormley  
Secretary

Documents Reviewed at this meeting:

1. Meeting agenda
2. Prior months' meeting minutes – June, 2013.