

Bare Hill Pond Watershed Management Committee

Meeting Notes

Date: 23 March 2015

Place: Hildreth House

Present Members: Tom Gormley, Peter von Loesecke, Megan Glew, Brian McClain, Steve Gordon, Ron Ricci (liaison to Pond Committee from Board of Selectman)

BHRA representatives: Julie Nocka (BHRA coach), Brian DeDominici (Boys varsity coach), Jenny Gormley (resident), Pamela Erdos (BHRA President), Holly Hatton (Program Director), Jim Ware (BHRA Treasurer)

Mr. Gormley opened the meeting at 7:35pm with a quorum.

Secretary's Report

The committee reviewed the minutes from the last meeting (February 2015) and there was one suggested revision regarding DPW. A motion to approve the minutes with one edit was unanimous in favor.

Treasurer's Report

Costs for this drawdown are still under projected costs. The missing electricity bills are taken care of as the back invoices were sent and the Committee is now current.

Update on Pump

The pump is still not working. Ron Ricci mentioned that a drain valve may need to be installed. The committee plans to get DPW engaged with pump operation and repair. The Pond is still filling back up and there is about 8-10" of ice on it.

Bare Hill Pond Rowing Association

Pam Erdos stated that the BHRA was pleased to receive the Pond Committee's letter of support and safety is their primary concern. They hope to continue a learn-to-row program in the summer on Bare Hill Pond. The three conditions that the Pond Committee voted on at the February 2015 meeting included: 1) Not rowing in the afternoon (summer program would run from 7AM - 10AM), 2) 100' setback for swimming, and 3) Drawdown provision. They plan to add extra coverage in coaching compared to summer 2013 (6 boats with 3 boats per coach). Holly Hatton mentioned the potential concern with the 100' setback in that it may be tough to judge the 100' mark without markers, but will do their best to comply with it. Based upon the BHRA coaches' practical concerns and safety considerations discussed at the meeting, the BHRA requests modifying the proposed 100' setback restriction language as follows:

"BHRA agrees to conduct the Summer Programs outside the 100 foot shoreline swimming zone for the safety of swimmers except to the extent necessary to enter the 100 foot zone when boats are passing through narrows between two shorelines, **at turn around points where boats are stopped and resting, when coach is giving instruction to stationary crews that need to be out of the traffic lane** or when entering or exiting the Pond."

Committee members agreed with the edited language as it is consistent with the underlying safety concerns the restriction is meant to address. The BHRA hopes to finalize consensus on the agreement at the Board of Selectman meeting on Wednesday, 25 March.

Frog Counts

Committee members encouraged to find volunteers for frog counts this spring as it is important for providing data.

Outreach

Discussion regarding a possible event for the community on the Town Beach in July 2015. Hopefully, it would be something fun and educational, and Wendy Gendron could be present. Pond committee members could contribute food and offer boat rides on the Pond.

Salamander Sign

Mr. McClain is going to the BOS meeting this week to get a permit for a salamander sign and plans to place it on the road within the next week.

Reminder of the Massachusetts Congress of Lakes and Ponds (COLAP) Meeting on Saturday, 11 April 2015.

Mr. Gordon requested an agenda item for the April meeting - locations for moorings on the Pond.

The meeting was adjourned by proper motion at 8:40pm.

Megan A.Glew
Secretary

Documents Reviewed at Meeting:

1. Meeting Agenda
2. Minutes from February 2015 meeting

3. Treasurer's Report