

Bare Hill Pond Watershed Management Committee

Meeting Notes

Date: 25 July 2022

Place: Online Zoom meeting

Members Present Bruce Leicher (Chair), Kerry Shrives, Ben Baron, Pablo Carbonell, Peter Von Loesecke, Rainer Park, Joe Pettirossi

Members Absent: Megan Glew, Morey Kraus (Alternate Member)

Others Present: Lee Hicks

Bruce Leicher opened the meeting at 7:46 pm.

Secretary's Report

Minutes for June 27, 2022, approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report

Review fiscal year summer of expenses related to monitoring, pump repair, and other costs associated with education and draw down notifications, etc. Additional costs result from added sampling and bathymetric monitoring to meet new requirements from the Conservation Commission. Anticipate future rate increases from National Grid. Discuss potential requests for more funds from the town for FY2023.

Discuss Activities and Assignments for August and September (see Activity Sheet)

The spreadsheet of duties and responsibilities was shared, the activities for July - September were reviewed, and members were identified to own specific responsibilities.

Monitoring Reports for Conservation Commission

Schedule a meeting with Wendy Gendron from Aquatic Restoration Consulting, LLC, after July testing results are available to review and discuss predictions for potential cyanobacteria algae blooms based on depleting oxygen triggers the phosphorus release. Meet on August 8, 2022, to review the results.

Drawdown Plan and Summer Pumping Update

Agreed with the Conservation Commission that slow draw down would only pump water that was excess (running over the boards), removing the water from the bottom, not the surface. Due to low-rainfall amounts, the pump has only run for a few days. Pond levels appear approximately 8 inches lower than normal for this time of year.

8:24 pm meeting ended

Next Meeting: August 8, 2022