

Bare Hill Pond Watershed Management Committee

Meeting Notes

Date: 28 April 2021

Place: Online Zoom meeting

Members Present: Bruce Leicher (Chair), Brian McClain, Kerry Shrives, Peter Von Loesecke

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

Bruce Leicher opened the meeting at 7:36 pm

Secretary's Report

Defer to the next meeting.

Treasurer Report

Defer to the next meeting.

Update on Pump repair

Completed. Applewood Controls, Inc., removed the electronic box, removed and replaced capacitors. Functionality restored.

Request for Comments from Conservation Commission re: 23 Peninsula Road

In 2017 special permits were obtained to renovate, install septic, re-grade, plant, etc. ZBA granted a conditional permit, deferring to, and relying on the Conservation Commission to ensure wetlands protection.

The Conservation Commission issued a series of special conditions which included some permanent conditions regarding stormwater structures, their regular inspection, cleaning, annual written reports, etc. The property is currently in non-compliance with the maintenance, inspection and reporting, and the proposal is in violation of the original order of conditions.

Discuss that the 2020 algal bloom probably in-part attributable to level of development within the watershed. The Pond Committee's position is that protection of the pond and watershed is essential, and one-off exceptions can have an aggregate impact. Bruce Leicher to draft a letter addressing:

- 1) Site Plan activities to accommodate existing live trees; limbing of trees in accordance with Conservation Commission standards.
- 2) Removal of invasive plants is acceptable.
- 3) Compliance with the original Order of Conditions.
- 4) Avoid addition of impervious surface for pathways.

Voted and approved.

Request for Support from Board of Health for Opt-Out From State Mosquito Spraying Program

Request for the Select Board to opt-out of aerial and street spraying for mosquitos. Unless there is a state of emergency (due to EEE or West Nile Virus) the state won't routinely spray. Town has to demonstrate that the DPW does catch-basin treatments. The Pond committee supports the BOH request. Voted and approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 pm

Kerry Shrives/Secretary

Next Meeting: May 17, 2021