

Bare Hill Pond Watershed Management Committee

Meeting Notes

Date: 25 January 2021

Place: Online Zoom meeting

Members Present: Bruce Leicher (Chair), Brian McClain, Kerry Shrides, Megan Glew, Peter Von Loesecke, Pablo Carbonell

Members Absent: Morey Kraus (Alternate Member)

Others Present:

none

Bruce Leicher opened the meeting at 7:36 pm

Secretary's Report

Minutes for September 21, 2020, from the special August 31, 2020 meeting to discuss the algal bloom, and October 26, 2020 were approved with minor corrections.

Treasurer's Report

Expended \$7,800 in electrical costs for the pond drawdown, to Applewood Controls, Inc., and printing services by ISS Alphagraphics to notify residents of the drawdown schedule. Were not able to complete the 6 ½ foot drawdown but sufficient draining to achieve beneficial effects for reduction of phosphates. Will not realize weed benefit due to the partial failure of the pump.

Pump Update, Drawdown, and Pump Repair

Pump hit the drawdown target prior to Thanksgiving. Pump failure observed by Bruce Leicher Thanksgiving weekend. Pump would prime but not start. Intake chamber was examined and found clean/clear. Applewood Controls, Inc. found an over-voltage charge error. Advised that the capacitors are worn out (last replaced in 2008) and provided a quote.

Stormwater Monitoring Requirement and Proposal

No action taken.

Park & Recreation Request to Study Pond Road Field

Park and Rec requested the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) to ask for funding for a study to see what they could do with the woods between the beach and the town well, for recreational fields, boathouse, or other use. Slide presentation shared. Site walk scheduled for Thursday, January 27, 2021 at 1pm. Historically as a committee, we have recommended not to remove Forest around the pond as it provides important habitat and protection. Stormwater treatment plan is dependent on the current level of forestation.

The Conservation Commission wrote a letter to CPC stating that they would not support the request for funding; not believing it would ever get permitted. Recommended to CPC that they solicit views from Bare Hill Pond Watershed Management Committee. State ethics commission consulted to receive clarity on potential conflict of interest.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 pm

Kerry Shrives/Secretary

Next Meeting: February 22, 2021