

Bare Hill Pond Watershed Management Committee

Meeting Notes

Date: 12 April 2021

Place: Online Zoom meeting

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

Members Absent: Morey Kraus (Alternate Member)

Others Present:

Ben Baron (prospective member)

Bruce Leicher opened the meeting at 7:32 pm

Secretary's Report

Minutes for February 17, 2021 were approved with minor corrections.

Treasurer Report

Defer to the next meeting. Discussed if remaining funds will cover the various proposals being considered.

Resolution of Ethics Matter

Town Counsel Mark Lanza found a realtor who reviewed the relevant data and assessors records related to potential conflict of interest. The opinion was issued that the decisions on these

agreements would not have a material impact on the property value of abutters. Therefore the Select Board could authorize board members to act on those matters. A second opinion was that decisions of policy matters don't affect abutters in significantly different ways than other town residents. Approval requested from the Select Board.

Approval of Proposal to Evaluate Pond Sediment for Algal Bloom Avoidance

Discuss proposal for bathymetric mapping and sediment phosphorus extraction. Wendy Genron recommends observation of pond locations with historical high anaerobic activity. Identify areas to take proactive preventative measures to prevent algal bloom conditions. Several years of observation and monitoring may be required in order to collect data and make informed decisions in future years. Cost: \$4,185. Not voted on at this time.

Approval of Proposal to Conduct Stormwater Treatment Testing for Conservation Commission

Periodic sampling is required following protocols set upon installation of the stormwater control basins in 2010. Cost: \$2,450 is approved.

Approval of Proposal to Conduct Draw Down Water Quality Monitoring for Conservation Commission

In-lake water quality monitoring performed every year associated with the drawdown. Monitoring in May, June, July, August, September. Cost: \$8,404 approved to be billed as scheduled testing is completed.

Approval of Proposal to Conduct Draw Down Plant Species Monitoring for Conservation Commission

Proposal for aquatic plant survey as required by Conservation Commission. Conducted annually in August. Cost: \$4,675 approved.

Approval of Pump Repair Proposal

Authorize Applewood Controls, Inc. to provide service for the pump drive for \$3,360 and authorize an expenditure of up to \$3500 to purchase replacement capacitors out of the operating budget in the amount available, and out of The Project Account (state funds that reimburse the town for work on the initial infrastructure) to the extent necessary. Voted and approved.

Proposal to Support the Board of Health Algal Bloom Testing Funding at Town Meeting

BOH responsibility under state law. Developed proposal to do testing on a more periodic basis. Currently no line item in the budget of the BOH to cover these costs. Level funding budget, warrant article necessary. Support \$7000 appropriation at town meeting. Show support and stand with BOH. committee support for the warrants. Vote to endorse the warrant article at town meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 pm

Kerry Shrives/Secretary

Next Meeting: May 17, 2021