

Bare Hill Pond Watershed Management Committee

Meeting Notes

Date: 23 February 23 2015

Place: Hildreth House

Present Members: Bruce Liecher(chair), Tom Gormley, Peter von Loesecke and Brian McClain

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

Secretary's report

Minutes from January meeting approved. Ritter subcommittee did not meet as planned due to delay (from Park and Rec?).

Treasurer's report

\$600 to Robinson's Marine for shrink wrapping the harvester. Peter notes that invoices are not getting to him and will research the issue.

Update on Drawdown and pump

Pond level is still relatively low but the exact value is unknown due to high snow depth. Pump is still not operational – Rich/Ron/Chris from the DPW want to get trained to operate the pump.

Wendy Gendron needs to be contacted to schedule monitoring for phosphate and plant analysis for 2015.

Harbor Master's update on rules and rowing

Pam Erdos from BHRC is still waiting to have follow-up meeting with residence for follow-up discussion - is now scheduled for Wed Feb 25.

Bob O'Shea has suggested headsets and electric motor to deal with noise issue:

Committee discusses 3 points for rowers:

- 100 foot from shore exclusion zone for swimmers. Exclusion zone would not apply to narrow regions between islands.
 - Request that BHRC not contest pond drawdowns.
 - Request for Summer organized rowing to not occur in the afternoon due to heavy use.
- Committee votes to approve these 3 items.

Warren Ave

Meeting with ZBA pushed back until March 11 due to contractor no-show. ZBA might reject permit due to detrimental pond impact.

Whitman Ave

A long-term resident is trying to sell their home - but is having trouble due to excessive runoff into a wetland. The Conservation Commission is in favor of a sewer line

extension to resident's home and would like the Pond Committee to write a letter of support. Pond Committee votes to approve

Salamander Big Night

Brian will look into obtaining a roadside salamander crossing sign and getting the required permit. Sign(s) would be temporary and be put up along Stow road where salamander crossings have previously occurred.