

Bare Hill Pond Watershed Management Committee

Meeting Notes

Date: 24 February 2020

Place: Hildreth House

Members Present: Bruce Leicher (Chair), Brian McClain, Pablo Carbonell, Megan Glew, Peter Von Loesecke and Rachel Shrives (Student Member)

Members Absent: Morey Kraus (Alternate Member)

Bruce Leicher opened the meeting at 7:35pm

Secretary's Report

Minutes for December 2019 were reviewed and approved.

Treasurer's report

Available Town funds are approximately \$10,900 not counting the latest electric bill of ~ \$1,500. There was some discussion about upgrading the power line along Willow Road to 3 phase from the current single phase. This would eliminate the need for the single-to-three phase converter and thus reduce electrical usage. Peter volunteered to ask Town officials to speak to National Grid to look into this issue.

Drawdown Update

The Pond is now in the re-filling stage with the current water level now at 4.5 feet below normal.

The proposal for this year's monitoring by Wendy Gendron was presented and discussed. The proposal is identical to last year's except for an increase of \$70 for lab fees. We are likely to approve the optional guided Pond Tour this year – but will hold off on a final decision for now. The committee voted to approve the monitoring proposal with the option of including the tour at a later date.

We were informed by Liz Allard that the drawdown permit can be extended by three additional years. Bruce volunteered to write a letter to Liz to ask for this extension.

Outreach and Education

Megan and Rachel volunteered to represent the Committee in judging at the Middle School Science Fare on March 16. Bruce will represent the Committee in judging at the High School Science Fare on March 6.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 pm

Brian McClain/Secretary