

Bare Hill Pond Committee

Monthly meeting minutes for September 2018

Town Hall, First Floor Harvard, MA

Name	Present	Name	Present
Bruce Leicher	Yes	Megan Glew	No
Brian McClain	Yes	Morey Kraus	Yes
Peter Von Loesecke	No	Steve Gordon	No
Joe Pettirossi	No	Ashwini Kumar	Yes

1	Wendy Gendron conducted a pond tour on her pontoon. It was sold out quickly and was a grand success. Unfortunately, some individuals could not be accommodated but members of the pond committee were able to tie a canoe to the pontoon and participate in the pond tour. Underwater cameras were used. There were intelligent and thoughtful questions from the patrons. Overall, it was a beautiful day for the event.
2	Frog counting season too came to an end. The count of frogs turned out to be a little less than the corresponding period last year. Morey Kraus reported on the turtle count and noted a very healthy population of turtles as observed from his canoe.
3	Brian reported that common reed Phragmites were spotted recurred near the dam (localized patch near still river road). He removed seed pods from 3 patches of Phragmites by hand. Pond committee members will attempt to pull out few more this following weekend. As a more drastic and long term measure to eradicate these invasive species, permission to apply chemicals or herbicides will have to be sought from Conservation committee.
4	Last years drawdown report is uploaded to the pond committee website.
5	DPW had reported that the pump was not working for the drawdown but Bruce figured out that the pump compressor was not plugged in. Everything is in working order as of now.

Next Bare Hill Pond Committee meeting: Oct 29th 2018