

# Bare Hill Pond Watershed Management Committee

## Meeting Notes

Date: 22 April 2019

Place: Hildreth House

Present

Members: Bruce Leicher (Chair), Megan Glew, Brian McClain, Pablo Carbonell , Morey,

Bruce opened the meeting at 7:30pm with a quorum.

### Secretary's Report

None - minutes from January and February will be reviewed at a later date.

### Treasurer's report

None

### Monitoring Contract Authorization

Committee reviewed and approved the base plan for monitoring the Pond in 2019. Committee will decide on including an optional iris survey and Pond tour by early summer.

An aside – on Wednesday Wendy Gendron (the monitoring consultant) and Bruce Leicher will attend a Town brown bag lunch for conservation administrators.

### Environmental Forum

Third annual Environmental Forum is scheduled for May 30 – Bruce Leicher is lead organizer.

Focus this year will be on environmental consideration for non-environmental decisions – examples:

- New elementary school might have included solar panels if there had been advance planning
- CCA (power aggregation) default option: Marginally cheaper vs. green?

### Committee Goals Discussion Report

Committee Goals are now required by the new Town Charter

First draft of BHPWMC Goals was discussed and partially edited.

Final draft will be voted on at the next meeting.

### Frog Counts

Brian conducted first frog count on April 3 - empirically more wood frogs this year.

Pablo noted that numbers of bullfrogs and snapping turtles seem to be declining over time.

### Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness

Megan gave a report on the latest Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) meeting:

- ~16-18 attendees

- 4 topics of concern chosen by attendees
  - pests/invasive species
  - precipitation/flooding
  - temperature swings
  - ice storms (with resulting forest damage)
- It was noted that forest damage from ice storms could impact Pond health by increasing soil erosion and runoff into the Pond.
- Bruce provided input that fewer/larger runoff events could provide K pulses to Pond - thus pond is more resilient if K levels already low to buffer these high K events

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50

Brian McClain  
Secretary