

Bare Hill Pond Watershed Management Committee

Meeting Notes

Date: 20 July 2020

Place: Online Zoom meeting

Members Present: Bruce Leicher (Chair), Brian McClain, Pablo Carbonell, Megan Glew, Peter Von Loesecke, Morey Kraus (Alternate Member) and Kerry Shrives (Potential New Member)
Members Absent: Rachel Shrives (Student Member)

Bruce Leicher opened the meeting at 7:33pm

Secretary's Report

Minutes for February 2020 were reviewed and approved with minor corrections.

Treasurer's report

The July 2020 and EOFY 2020 fiscal reports were presented. As of EOFY 2020, available Town funds are approximately \$3,735. The breakdown for FY 2020 expenses are:

Category	amount	%total
Repairs	212	1%
Power	13,704	56%
Monitoring	10,177	42%
Admin Misc	171	1%

Drawdown Update

Wendy Gendron has provided an update for ongoing monitoring for May and June. Dissolved phosphorus in the Pond was low and particulate phosphorus was higher at deeper levels. In May the dissolved oxygen was excellent down to a 22 foot depth. In June it was noted that plant abundance is a bit less than in past years. Wendy will be performing more monitoring in late July.

Going forward Wendy feels that some types of monitoring – i.e. yellow iris and particulate phosphorus – can be discontinued and that other items – i.e. dissolved phosphorus – can be increased. The Pond Committee will invite Wendy to the next meeting in August to hear her recommendations.

Also discussed was the possibility of increasing the depth of this winter's drawdown. The cons include pushback due to reduced accessibility while the pros include the probable lack of crew training due to the pandemic. No final decision was made.

Pond Rules Discussion

A potentially dangerous loophole in the Pond boating rules was discussed. The rule states that boats must travel in a counterclockwise pattern unless going 20 MPH or slower. The Committee thinks this should be reduced to 5 MPH to reduce the chance of accidents involving

un-trained boaters. The Pond Committee – and possibly the Harbor Master – will submit this recommendation at the next Town Meeting. If this recommendation is approved – it will still need to be accepted by both the Department of Environmental Protection and the State Attorney General.

New Members

Kerry Shrives attended the meeting and expressed interest in becoming a member.

Miscellaneous

A letter was sent to a Pond Member complaining of gray water discharge into the pond from a rental unit along Willroy Avenue. This complaint was forwarded to the Board of Health.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 pm
Brian McClain/Secretary