

Bare Hill Pond Watershed Management Committee

Meeting Notes

Date: 31 August 2020

Place: Online Zoom meeting

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

Members Absent: Morey Kraus (Alternate Member)

Others Present: Wendy Gendron (wetlands consultant performing Pond monitoring), Joan Eliyesil (Harvard Press)

Bruce Leicher opened the meeting at 7:34 pm

Algal Bloom Testing on Bare Hill Pond – discussion and authorization

Wendy reported to Bruce on Sunday August 23 that the Pond was experiencing an algae bloom and recommended that the BOH test for the presence of toxic species of algae and cyanobacteria. Wendy had previously saw visible green algae on filter in deep part of Pond (during July monitoring) which was a cause for concern pre-condition to a bloom developing.

BOH notified Bruce on Thursday August 27 that no toxicity testing for the current algae bloom at the Pond was planned. BOH suggests that testing be carried out by BHPWMC and testing results be sent to BOH.

Wendy notifies Bruce today (August 31) that her test results show that the Pond is experiencing a blue-green algae (cyanobacteria) bloom and that she recommends toxicity testing.

Bruce gets approval for algal testing from Select Board Chair Alice Von Loesecke. Three tests in total are planned - one each for Thurston's Cove, Town Beach, and the dam. The testing covers species but not actual toxin measurements which would be an additional cost.

Committee votes to authorize \$600 for testing, and up to \$500 for additional toxicity testing.

Committee votes to create a 2-person sub-committee (Bruce, Peter) to decide and authorize any additional money needed for the toxicity testing. Sub-committee is also given authority to receive testing results and submit to BOH with recommendations.

Committee votes to pre-authorize algal testing going forward allow for faster testing of future algal blooms.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 pm
Brian McClain/Secretary