Bare Hill Pond Watershed Management Committee

Meeting Notes

Date: 22 December 2014
Place: Hildreth House

Present Members: Bruce Leicher (chair), Tom Gormley, Peter von Loesecke, Megan

Glew, Brian McClain, Steve Gordon

Mr. Leicher opened the meeting at 7:35pm with a quorum.

Secretary's Report

The committee reviewed the minutes from the last meeting (October 2014) and there were no comments. A motion to approve the minutes was unanimous in favor.

Treasurer's Report

Bill for electricity may be higher for November and December due to high rain levels.

Subcommittee for Jeff Ritter Memorial

Members: Mr. Leicher, Mr. McClain, Mr. von Loesecke, and Amy Ritter. The subcommittee will meet once in January to approve receipt of funds for the memorial fund.

Update on Drawdown

The pump ran full speed until November 17 which was about 3 weeks - and the point at which the drawdown level was reached. The pump was then set at 35 hertz (30%).

Mr. Leicher would like to have back-up for running the pump. Training for working the controls will take place at the pump house on Saturday, 27 December at 0900 and several members will be able to attend.

Proposed Development on Pond on Warren Ave.

Would the proposed single family house have a detrimental impact on the pond? Do we want this property developed from a Pond Committee perspective? The property was approved as a summer residence therefore it would need a special permit. The letter from the Pond Committee - if it goes forward - would include the following 3 conditions:

- No trees or vegetation to be taken down in the buffer zone (200')
- No fertilizers (customary fertilizer restriction)
- Take adequate steps to protect wetlands (no additional runoff into the pond)

The meeting was adjourned by proper motion at 8:30pm.

Reminder of the Massachusetts Congress of Lakes and Ponds (COLAP) Meeting in January.

Megan A.Glew Secretary

Documents Reviewed at Meeting:

- 1. Meeting Agenda
- 2. Minutes from October 2014 meeting
- 3. Treasurer's Report
- 4. Email message from Mina Levitsky regarding the Jeff Ritter Memorial