

Bare Hill Pond Watershed Management Committee

Meeting Notes

Date: 21 October 2019

Place: Hildreth House

Members Present: Bruce Leicher (Chair), Brian McClain, Pablo Carbonell, Megan Glew and Rachel Shrives (Student Member)

Members Absent: Peter Von Loesecke and Morey Krause (Alternate Member)

Bruce Leicher opened the meeting at 7:35pm

Secretary's Report

Minutes for August 2019 were reviewed and approved.

Treasurer's report

The current available funds from the Town are \$21,727 (not include one National Grid Bill). For the coming fiscal year the Pond Committee will seek a "level spend" budget – as apposed to a "level service" budget.

Drawdown Update

Wendy Gendron and Bruce met with the Conservation Commission on September 5 to present the monitoring results for this year and to propose a six-foot drawdown for the coming winter. The Conservation Commission authorized the drawdown, which commenced at the end of September by removing boards at the dam. The Pond surface is currently down approximately 2 feet and should be level with the wetland within a week's time. At this point the pump will be turned on to achieve a six-foot drawdown.

Note, the 3-year permit for drawdowns is coming up for renewal – and we may seek an extension of the current permit if possible.

Outreach and Education

Pablo circulated a rough draft of his article on the history of the eradication of water chestnuts on Bare Hill Pond – and the contributions of Rick Dickson in this effort. In order for Pablo to receive edits from other members, a vote was held to create a single person subcommittee for this purpose.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 pm

Brian McClain/Secretary