

Bare Hill Pond Watershed Management Committee

Meeting Notes

Date: 16 December 2019

Place: Hildreth House

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

Members Absent: Morey Kraus (Alternate Member)

Bruce Leicher opened the meeting at 7:35pm

Secretary's Report

Minutes for October 2019 were reviewed and approved.

Treasurer's report

The electric bill for October is \$1,234.67 and – due to drawdown pumping – we expect the bill for November to be in the \$3K - \$4K range.

Drawdown Update

The Pond water level is down 6 feet – which is this year's drawdown target level. The Pond refill will start at the end of January. Pablo has received some complaints regarding exposed muddy areas which are not freezing and thus difficult to navigate. It was noted that this is an unavoidable result of the drawdown and that there is no "good fix" for this problem.

Outreach and Education

The upcoming article on the history of the eradication of water chestnuts on Bare Hill Pond was briefly discussed. Additional details discussed were the timing of this publication and a method for interested volunteers to record locations/numbers of water chestnuts remaining in the Pond.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 pm

Brian McClain/Secretary