

WEST HILL POND ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL MEETING
7PM August 20, 2013
Sessions Conference Room, New Hartford Town Hall

Minutes of Meeting

1. Call to order. Sly

Introductions by Skip. New Trustee for Camp Workcoeman: James Waters. Present: Bill Adamsen, Mary Hourdequin, Dan Jerram, Skip Sly, Tom Sloss.

2. Approval of prior year's minutes.---- Sly/Hourdequin. *Minutes approved as written.*

3. Trustee Changes

Bob Steele CT Rivers Council, BSA, replaced by James Waters.

4. Water Rights Committee report-- Sly

Fall drawdown plan

Gate House Maintenance door repair/painting.--Galliher.

Two feet drawdown by around 10/15/13. Purpose: for homeowners to work on docks, etc. (Big draw down is every five years.) October 2016 will be next 3 foot drawdown.

Tom raised question re coordinating drawdown with salmon removal by state. Skipped stated that on occasion drawdown schedule has been adjusted for various reasons. Door repair has not yet been done, but should be done soon per Frank Galliher's email to Skip.

5. Storm Water Runoff, Weed Mgmt and H&H update---Sly

Skip talked about LAPOA's runoff mitigation, especially area of beach where run off is extreme. Skip is also seeking opinions re runoff mitigation on Pond Road, which is steep and narrow. Bill asked about LAPOA storm pipe which drains directly into lake. Idea: storm drain/catch basin to capture some of the silt. Pond Road project is expensive. Bill asked if there are any conservation tax abatements to encourage owners to be part of water diversion. Camp Workcoeman Road had problems as a result of storm drains being overloaded during recent 5 inch rainfall. Skip asked if Boy Scouts could take responsibility for cleaning out storm drains at least every two years. (Parking lot built a few years ago has created the problem.) Scouts do have a storm water buffer nearby, although it does not appear to be working well. Dan may be able to assist with pumping out some of the catch basins on Workcoeman Road. Skip has talked with Director of Northwest Conservation District to do general survey of Boy Scout property to identify areas that need to be addressed. Jim will give Sean Hayden a call to discuss.

Tom asked about plans for weed mitigation. Skip stated that Northeast Aquatics has been engaged for two days of diving. Large leaf and Red leaf pond weed (mostly on east side) are most prevalent per our limnologist. Mary mentioned and described deep weed with long spire

which fishermen mentioned to her last weekend. They said they spotted it in about 40 feet of water. Skip has targeted two areas for weed mitigation: Teddy Bear rock area and south areas. Cost is approximately \$5,000. Bill asked if there could be other contributors. In addition, Pond Association owns two large units of weed screening. May need benchmark data re weeds currently in lake. Density of weeds and number of beds are factors in determining extent of problem. Skip will try to get a measure of surface area and density of problem. Bill showed graphic of Ag Station's listing and spotting of various weeds in the lake, which is on the website.

State says current spillway for dam is inadequate. Approved original plan on interim basis, but came back saying revisions needed for long-term plans. May be very expensive. (In 1955, water went over dam; no damage resulted)

Weed Inspection program---Hourdequin

Mary reported on the status of the volunteer weed inspection program, and distributed the Aquatic Hitchhikers brochure and the Inspection form. She will distribute sign-up sheets for people who may be interested in being trained next Spring at both West Hill Property Owners Association and LAPOA meetings this weekend. .

6. Discussion-- The West Hill Pond Association believes it is in the best interest of West Hill Pond's water quality to work with the Towns of Barkhamsted and New Hartford to review existing watershed based storm-water best management practices, and work with the towns to modify and strengthen both those management practices and regulations where necessary. †---
Adamsen

Bill raised issues re 4-acre zoning regulations and amendments given that many lots in watershed are much smaller (1/3 of an acre or less. He asked: Should we be looking at other regulations related to total impervious surface, for example, and other regulations that could be implemented within the watershed. We all agreed with this approach.

7. Web-site development/WHPA logo---Adamsen

Skip thanked Bill for creating a wonderful, appealing website, which is very easy to use and informative. Bill reported that 50-80 people view it per day. When newsletter goes out periodically, numbers who view it shoot up. Bill passed around some sample graphics as possible logos.

8. Membership/fundraising—Sly.

Skip suggested we consider some fundraising ideas after tapping into some experts in this field. All agreed that this is an excellent idea.

9. Treasurers Report/budget—Sly

Skip detailed recent contributions both from individuals and foundations. He then reviewed the preliminary budget for August 2013 through July 2014. Bill pointed out that if the Pond Association has a specific plan re cost of some upcoming projects then it might be possible to approach members for contributions. Tom asked if there is any place on website where donors could be recognized. Bill talked about contributors being able to target contributions to specific areas, e.g. weed mitigation.

Budget passed.

10. Election of officers----Sloss

WHPA Nominations for Officers, 2013-14

President Skip Sly

VP Tom Sloss

Treasurer Skip Sly

Secretary Mary Hourdequin

11. Old/New Business

12. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:12PM.

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