



Minutes of Meeting – May 18, 2010 – 7:00 pm
Glocester Country Club, Putnam Pike, Harmony, RI

Attendance – 62 People
Called to order at 7:05 pm

OLD BUSINESS

Treasurer's Report – Al Marz stated that expenses for dam for cutting, repairing, and improvements to the dam were \$10,344.88. Current balances are:

Checking Account: \$3,950
Money Market: \$19,000
CD: \$11,000

A motion was made and seconded to approve the treasurer's report. Motion PASSED.

Secretary's Report – Minutes from the October 13, 2009 meeting were distributed to all in attendance. A MOTION was made and seconded to approve the minutes. Motion PASSED.

Water Quality – Nancy Mitchell reported that the only data listed on the Watershed Watch website for the 2009 season is as follows. The lack of data is probably due to the fact that the website has not been updated for 2009. The following data was obtained via e-mail and shown. Nutrient and chloride levels were low and pH was almost neutral (considered good).

2009 Bacteria Data – Tributaries E-Coli Data				
Tributary	May 2009	July 2009	Oct 2009	Mean
Rte 44	33.5	920.8	<2.0	18.3
Saw Mill Rd	11.1	11.3	10.4	6.7
Golf Course	7.7	4839.2	10.4	>73.0
Aldrich Rd	2.0	178.0	24.0	6.4

Golf Course numbers in July greatly exceeded fresh water limits. This concern was raised with personnel at URI watershed watch as to why this could be so high. Fresh water single samples are not to exceed 61 E-coli over 100ml.

Nancy contacted Elizabeth Herron at the Watershed Watch to ask about why bacteria levels are so high and she suspects that it may be due to Canada geese droppings on the golf course but mentioned it could also be due to:

- A. Failed or incorrectly maintained or sited septic systems
- B. Damaged sewage lines and/or
- C. Domestic or wild animal wastes.

She mentioned a watershed assessment and additional stream monitoring could be done to further the inquiry if we are interested. URI would come out and give a free assessment. Jeff offered to take tests in different areas for a period of time to see what the results are. Watershedwatch.com has the data for the results of the testing.

MOITON: To request URI do an assessment. MOTION PASSED

Fundraising – Jean Marz talked about having the ice-cream boat again this summer. Phil Viall is giving us a freezer and the Mitchell's have a dock we can use. Jean mentioned that each family that volunteered should pick a weekend and go out when they can to sell the ice-cream. The annual barbeque will be held at the Gloucester Country Club on August 7th and they (GCC) will be supplying the food. It was also stated that recipes are needed for the cookbook.

Dam Maintenance – Ron Depault spoke and stated that the access road behind the dam is completed. There is 580 feet left on West Greenville Road. The plan is to cut the undergrowth on the dam two times this year. The new gate with plates is working well without a diver. Russ Lemieux made motion to raise the water as soon as the ice is gone instead of April 1st. Ron stated we should target a specific month instead of a date. We should wait to see what the extended forecast is to see if a drought or a hurricane is predicted. Our spillway can handle any volume of water; the problem is getting the water to the spillway (the bridge on Pine Ledge Road constricts the flow of water to the spillway).

NEW BUSINESS

Cathy Anger and Phil Viall went to an International Symposium held by North American Lake Management Society in Hartford Ct. Part of the meeting was on Lake Law. Cathy is working with Myron and Save the Lakes to get the same attorney to come to RI and speak about lake law. One of the issues that would be discussed is what the liabilities are if we live on the lake. The representative stated they would only charge mileage to speak.

MOTION: to try to get the representative to come and speak.

MOTION PASSED.

MOTION: to compensate the speaker in another way such as a gift certificate.

MOTION PASSED.

Cathy announced that New England Chapter of NALMS will be at Worcester State College on June 11th and 12th. Four people can attend @ \$65.00 per person.

MOTION: To approve funds for up to 4 people from CPWL to attend.

MOTION PASSED.

On June 10th A Save the Lake Dinner will be held at the West Valley Inn at a cost of \$25.00 per person. Any interested parties may see Myron for tickets.

Kevin Menard, president Pascoag Upper Dam Management District gave a presentation about creating a Dam District. After some questions and discussion, a vote was taken by secret ballot as to whether we should continue to research becoming a dam district, and to bring a proposal to the full body for the October 2010 meeting.

Election results: YEA: 22

NAY: 10

A committee was formed consisting of Myron Mitchell (chair), Cathy Anger, Phil Viall, Al Marz, Judy Krawiec, Cathleen Griffeth, Ron Beagan, Ron Depault, Greg Kernan, Harry Gold, John Tucker.

Respectfully Submitted,
Judy Krawiec, Secretary