



Minutes of Meeting – May 23, 2012 – 7:00 pm
Glocester Country Club, Putnam Pike, Harmony, RI

Attendance – 20 People

1. Called to order at 7:05 pm by President Cathy Anger
2. Meeting minutes from the October 26, 2011 meeting were distributed to all in attendance. MOTION to accept the minutes of the October 26, 2011 meeting minutes made and seconded. MOTION PASSED.

3. Treasurers Report:

A. Current Balances:

Checking	\$6,240.14
Collected tonight	945.00
Money Market	\$2,501.15
CD	<u>\$11,381.10</u>
TOTAL	\$21,067.39

B. Expenses:

Rip Rap (north of gatehouse)	\$2100.00
Rip Rap (spillway)	\$2100.00
PO Box	\$65.00
Postage	\$112.00
Advertising	\$71.00
Dam maintenance	<u>\$19,641.00</u> (\$4500 not yet paid)
	\$24,089.00

C. Questions/Notes

- Rip rap prevents erosion that results from water breaking and wakes against the dam.
- To keep [bad] vegetation down (which weakens the dam), mowing must be performed.
- We are about 1/3 of the way to collecting the dues we typically receive.

D. MOTION made and seconded to approve the Treasurers Report. MOTION PASSED.

4. Water Quality Report

A. Nancy Mitchell reported that 4 tributaries were sampled - all were within or close to normal and with acceptable limits according to DEM. The E. coli was higher in some tributaries (Glocester Country Club, Route 44 and Sawmill). It was recommended to avoid using tributaries for swimming. The lake itself is safe for swimming.

B. It was noted that URI is cutting back on testing and only allowed us to test 2 tributaries even though we collected 4 tributaries

C. Jeff D'Antuano is looking into obtaining an analyzer so we can perform testing. We might also explore utilizing a testing facility if we find URI cannot perform the testing.

D. Water quality report will be posted on website.

E. Nancy also shared a paper from URI about fresh water jellyfish.

F. MOTION made and seconded to accept water quality report. MOTION PASSED.

5. Dam/Gatehouse/Spillway Maintenance
 - A. Jay Ruotolo showed a series of photos along with an explanation
 - B. Work at the gatehouse included:
 - Moving the grate from inside the pit to outside the plates.
 - Reinforcement of the wing walls by adding fiber mesh concrete on both sides of each wall.
 - Welding repair to the frame that the main gate slides up and down in.
 - Pouring a new floor at the bottom of the pit.
 - Repair of the tunnel under the dam that water exits from.
 - C. Jay reported that with the gate *open* and the plates in place, we only have a "garden hose" sized leak.
 - D. Work on the dam to the north of the gatehouse involved spreading rip rap
 - E. Work at the spillway involved spreading rip rap
 - F. Jay reported that the DEM was satisfied with the work done.
 - G. In response to a question, Jay said that other than painting the entire gatehouse with a sealer, no additional repairs were anticipated for this year. Ron Depault offered to donate the paint.
 - H. Jay reported that the front of each wall is painted with various colors to indicate the level of the water. Each color band is 12 inches.
 - I. The problem of invasive plant species especially bamboo was discussed. There are two locations on the dam where bamboo is present. The USDA has a program for invasive species and may be able to assist. Joe Graf agreed to contact the USDA and see what the next steps are.
 - J. The need to keep the dam mowed was discussed. A MOTION was made and seconded to approve \$6,000 for 2 cuttings and any miscellaneous maintenance. MOTION PASSED.
6. Membership committee update
 - A. Information was received in April; work is expected to start in August.
 - B. There are issues with the mailing list and it needs to be rectified.
 - C. Paid members to be posted on the website as soon as the webmaster receives a list. It was confirmed that no legal implications exist regarding posting names on the website.
7. Bylaws committee report
 - A. The proposed bylaws were distributed to those in attendance (they were also published on the website since May 1).
 - B. MOTION made and seconded to TABLE the bylaws pending some clarification/corrections. MOTION PASSED.
8. Fund raising.
 - A. Jean Marz would like to have the ice cream boat started up again; we need an organizer. Fundraising from the ice cream boat ranges from \$200 to \$500 depending on the year. The Smithfield paper offered to do an article about it.
 - B. Cathy Anger reported that a fund raiser is scheduled for September 22, 2012 at Holiday Acres. We will save money with permits, PortaJohns, licenses, and food. The fund raising committee will be meeting on May 24th to further plan. They are thinking about hayrides, and looking for other ideas. A question was asked if the Village on Waterman Lake was considered, but as we have already committed to Holiday Acres, this is a possibility for another year.

9. Presidents report - Cathy reported that:
 - A. May is National Boater Awareness Month
 - B. Several muskrats (that burrow into the dam) have been removed by a licensed trapper at no cost to CPWL.
 - C. A call was received from Kevin Menard (Pascog River Dam Management District). He said that there is a hearing in the Rhode Island General Assembly House of Representative on May 24 regarding Dam Management District legislation. The proposed bill removes all liability from a DMD.
10. Other Business
 - A. MOTION made and seconded that a personal note of thanks be sent to those who worked on the gatehouse. Further, we send them an invitation for a free dinner at our September 22nd fundraiser. MOTION PASSED.
 - B. Jay proposed putting a banner up on the dam just south of the gatehouse; various plastic banners could be put up to increase awareness or impart information.
11. MOTION to adjourn. MOTION PASSED.

Respectfully submitted,
Cathleen Griffeth
Secretary