

NEW MILLS DAM COMMITTEE Minutes for March 12, 2018 (as revised 5-9-18 in red ink)

Present: Dave Kamila, Al Nelson, Wendy Dennis (CWD) , Steve Musica, Edward Dahl, Tony Fletcher (MEMA), John Bean, David Smith, Jack Daniel.

Meeting convened at 5:40

1. Minutes from previous meeting were read and approved
2. Wendy lead a discussion of water levels on Pleasant Pond. It was pointed out that shore land flooding in the spring of 2017 from two rain storms could have been minimized if KEI had responded sooner. The rain events caused the water quality to remain poor for several weeks after. Wendy will work with KEI to keep the pond at maximum draw down until the spring runoff has occurred.
3. Dave Kamila brought up the safety and security issues around the dams fencing, railings, and the empty fore bay. He has talked to McLaughlin Fencing in Gardiner about welding additional railings to raise the height to OSHA standard of 42". He will also arrange to have the security fencing improved. The board authorized him to spend up to \$5000. Dave has spoken with DEP and thinks we should talk with Kleinschmidt Engineering (KE) about taking on the whole project of filling the fore bay. Tony suggested that for now we just fence around the fore bay for safety and leave it empty. Before taking any action, Dave will contact KE for an estimate.
4. The board discussed future dam issues, and agreed that the biggest leaks have been taken care of, especially the leaking from the fore bay, which was probably the major leak. It was agreed that the dam is in very good condition and that we can wait on any more work to stop leaks until we have built up our funds.
5. The dam committee has a fund balance of \$20,401.25. Dave feels there is no need to change the fund assessment amounts. Steve M. made a motion that the fund assessments be kept at their current levels, the motion was seconded and unanimously approved. Steve will notify Richmond town office that the assessment will remain the same. Dave will do this for Litchfield, and Al Nelson for Gardiner.
6. Other business: we discussed the future requirement of a fish ladder for the American Tissue Dam (KEI). Currently there is no requirement for this. There has been some talk by the local organization "Up Stream" about wanting to create access for alewives past the dams to Pleasant Pond. There is currently a concern about the negative impact on the water quality in Pleasant Pond that alewives **could** have. The clear purpose of CWD is to improve water quality, not to restore fish. CWD will be meeting with scientists from different government agencies and the University of Maine to discuss the impact.
7. Meeting adjourned at 7:05, next meeting is May 14.

Respectfully submitted, Jack Daniel