

**Moose Hill Water Commission
Meeting Minutes**

Minutes of August 17, 2015

Members present: Kurt Parliment, Chairman; Carl Wicklund, Jr., Harry Brooks

Meeting called to order at 6:30PM

Reorganization of the Board

MOTION: Mr. Brooks moved to nominate Kurt Parliment as Chairman

SECONDED: Mr. Wicklund – Discussion: None

VOTE: All in Favor

Approval of Minutes

3/2/2015

MOTION: Mr. Brooks moved to approve the minutes of March 2, 2015

SECONDED: Mr. Parliment – Discussion: None

VOTE: 2 – In Favor / 1 – Abstained (Mr. Wicklund)

New Business

- Dam Inspection Report

Mr. Wicklund and Town Administrator, Kevin Mizikar attended the site inspection walk on June 4th. In Attendance were two USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service Engineers who were involved in the original dam construction and a DCR representative.

DCR will do the mowing and will be removing some trees out of the flood plain within the coming weeks because of concerns with high winds and high water creating erosion.

There was a lot of ATV damage found on top of the dam and DCR will be blocking off access to the dam from Moose Hill Road. There was concern with runoff from the roadway entering the reservoir from the Leicester and Spencer side of Moose Hill Road, with regards to ice melt compounds used on the road during the winter months.

Once Moose Hill becomes certified water source, both DPWs from Spencer & Leicester will need to be notified to refrain from ice melt usage on that section of roadway.

The repair work needed along the dam and other areas requiring maintenance will be fixed before the snowfall.

DCR will be working on re-identifying the locations of the sample and monitoring wells that were placed around the reservoir for the purpose of tracking contaminants leaching into the reservoir. The Commissioners agreed sending DCR a letter requesting a copy of the inspection report from June 4th, a copy of the list on who attended the site inspection and a copy of the plan that will be used to relocate the wells.

Old Business

Dept. of Agriculture update

The request made to the DOA back in March for any and all information they may have regarding the reservoir's site plan boundaries, has still not received a response.

Mr. Parliment will try and contact someone again.

DEP update

The Town received a grant that was coordinated through DEP, to have a group of students from WPI do a yearlong study on water/wastewater issues in Leicester. The study will be broken up into two projects by semester. The first semester will consist of collecting data and second semester will concentrate working on the recommendations from the first semester data. This study should help show the need for the development of Moose Hill.

Midstate Trail Committee Update

With assistance from the National Parks Service, the MSTCP planned A National Trails Day on June 6th and met at Sibley Farm Route 9, Spencer. Brochures were designed and sent around inviting people to the Celebration of the Midstate Trail. The trail hikes were done in 6 separate locations, including; Ashburnham, Barre, Douglas, Princeton, Rutland, Spencer, Sutton, Westminster and Leicester.

General/Open Discussion

- Mr. Parliment had been researching the possibility on having a documentary done on the Moose Hill Reservoir/multi-use flood control facility project and airing it over the LCAC.

He approached Peter Swanson, who has done previous documentaries, inquiring if he would be interested doing one for Moose Hill. Talks are currently undergoing.

Mr. Parliment will get a copy of the previous documentary and suggested scheduling a special meeting to view it. All agreed.

- Upon review of the Accountant's Monthly Expenditure Ledger received on April 1, 2015, a line item "Moose Hill Reservoir Use Study" was noticed. There was some research done on where the money had come from and why. The Town Administrator explained it was leftover money from the 2008 Feasibility Study done on the Reservoir. The Commission noted some discrepancies with that explanation and will further research.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be determined upon getting a copy of the documentary.

Correspondence

- A letter was received from a consulting group representing MassDOT. It was regarding the proposal on the replacement of the existing Rawson Street Bridge over Cedar Meadow Pond Inlet.

Hearing no further comments or discussion, Mr. Parliment asked for a motion to adjourn.

MOTION: Mr. Brooks moved to adjourn

SECONDED: Mr. Wicklund – Discussion: None

VOTE: All in Favor

Meeting adjourned at 7:15PM

Respectfully submitted:

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