

## Mill Brook Watershed Management Planning Committee

### Minutes of 6/26/17 meeting

Present: Cindy Mitchell, Selena Roman, Rez Williams, Kristen Fauteux, Prudy Burt

Absent: Tim Boland, Chuck Hodgkinson

Also Present: Bill Wilcox, Kent Healy

Taking agenda items slightly out of order, draft minutes of the 6/12/17 meeting were approved. Prudy will send to town clerk for posting.

Committee members discussed contacting Carl Nielsen, ESS Group, to arrange some possible meeting times; we have two on island meetings with Carl remaining in our budget. Cindy will contact Chuck about reaching out to Carl and getting some possible dates. Any outstanding questions from Kent Healy re water flow measurement methodology used by ESS Group should be sent to Chuck, who will forward them to Carl in advance of our meeting with him.

The committee continued its review of Draft #8 of our final report. Cindy raised a question about the wording in a paragraph on the bottom of page 12, under 'Watershed Study Results, ESS Group'. After some discussion by the committee, Bill Wilcox offered to do some minor re-drafting of this paragraph before our next meeting to make it more consistent and comprehensive.

Bill suggested adding a bullet to i. Withdrawals and Diversions on page 18, as follows: "Some of the diverted water is lost to evaporation, evapotranspiration or lost to groundwater". Further, he suggested that we mention here that future recommendations will include addressing this issue.

From Steve Hurley, state fisheries biologist, Prudy was able to obtain a new version of the water temperature graph on page 25, Figure 3, which shows the coolest sections of Mill Brook (the headwater and two tributaries) together at the left of the graph, followed by the warmer sites below the impoundments.

Prudy suggested a revision to a paragraph in the BiodiversityWorks/Greg Whitmore section on page 33. This prompted a discussion which was not resolved during the remainder of this meeting.

Other minor edits throughout Draft #8 were noted by Selena for inclusion in future drafts.

Prudy confirmed with members present that Greg Whitmore's report to this committee should be posted on our page of the town website. All concurred; Prudy will send to the webmaster for posting.

Our next scheduled meeting is on July 10 (this ended up not being posted in time, or the room not scheduled; either way, it did not happen- should it be posted on the website as 'cancelled?').

Submitted by Prudy Burt

Approved 11/2/2017