

Mill Brook Watershed Management Planning Committee

Minutes of 6/12/17 meeting

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

Absent: Tim Boland

Also present: Bill Wilcox, Kent Healy, Alex Elvin (Vineyard Gazette)

Minutes of the 5/22/17 meeting were approved, with Selena and Chuck abstaining due to absence.

The committee discussed the timing of having Carl Nielsen of ESS Group come here for a working session with the committee; we have two on island meetings with Carl remaining from the terms of our contract. Chuck will arrange some possible dates with Carl and bring back to the committee at our next meeting on June 26.

In reviewing Draft #8 of our report, there was a discussion about future water flow sampling methodology. Prudy will re send the link to the River Instream Flow Stewards program of Ma. Division of Ecological Restoration (DER) to Bill Wilcox and committee members. This link outlines the methodology used by DER to help communities measure stream flow, including the margin of error depending on how many discharge readings are taken to develop a rating curve; more is better.

As the report approaches final form, Prudy suggested that we have someone like Don Groover at Tisbury Printer go over the report and adjust text, photos and graphs to consolidate the format and length of the report. She will touch base with him to see about his availability.

Selena took notes on Draft #8 to incorporate changes as discussed at this meeting. Kristen and Tim will revise the BiodiversityWorks/Whitmore section and send to Selena, and Bill Wilcox will send additional edits/comments. Prudy and Selena will revise this draft before our next meeting on June 26.

Chuck will miss the next two meetings, 6/26/17 and 7/10/17.

Alex Elvin said that he is working an article for the Gazette about Mill Brook. He understands that the committees' work/report is not yet complete and said that the Gazette will want to write about that when it is complete. He said that he has contacted several of the people whose reports were in the appendix on our page of the town website. Bill Wilcox shared with the committee that he planned to take Alex to look at several sites along Mill Brook.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Submitted by Prudy Burt