

6/13/16 Minutes

Mill Brook Watershed Management Planning Committee

Present: Chuck Hodgkinson, Cindy Mitchell, Rez Williams, Kristen Fauteux, Prudy Burt and Tim Boland

Also present: Kent Healy

Absent: Nancy Huntington, Selena Roman

The meeting was called to order at 5 p.m.

The committee reviewed Carl Nielsen's answers to our questions re the draft report by ESS Group. During this discussion, it was clarified that the malfunction of the logger at site #4 occurred during ESS Group's watch, not because of anything that MVC staff did when they downloaded the loggers later that summer. The committee, through Chuck, will ask ESS Group to collect another round of discharge data and download the loggers (as long as the batteries hold out), at no cost to the town, in an effort to make up that lost data during this 2016 field season. In regards to the last question, Kent offered to help Chuck clarify the noted discrepancies in water flow data as this question was not specific enough in regards to sample sites/reading dates for Carl to answer. Chuck will have a follow up phone call with Carl. Pending his discussion with Carl and satisfaction with Carl's answers, the committee approved ESS Group's 5/26/16 invoice, #45842, for payment, all in favor.

The minutes of 5/23/16 were approved without comment.

Old business: Chuck recirculated his updated and fluid draft of an outline for our next public hearing. In reviewing this document, Prudy asked that the option first presented by Steve Hurley, state fisheries biologist, of maintaining a man made impoundment within the present location of Mill Pond, but allowing Mill Brook to flow freely around the pond be added to the list of options on page 2 of this draft. Members assented and supported adding this option to the draft.

New business: Tim Boland described a new monitoring system, "Here Lab", which he'd recently been made aware of, which might be adapted to monitoring things such as water and air temperature and relative humidity. He will invite them to come to one of our meetings to give a presentation.

Next meeting: The committee agreed to meet once a month for the summer, next meeting scheduled for July 11, 2016

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Prudy Burt