

Mill Brook Watershed Management Planning committee

Minutes of 5/23/16 meeting

Present: Chuck Hodgkinson, Tim Boland, Prudy Burt, Selena Roman, Kristen Fauteux and Rez Williams

Also present: Kent Healy

Absent: Cindy Mitchell, Nancy Huntington

Chuck led a discussion of the draft watershed report outline he had drafted for the committee. This is a work in progress and will be discussed in future meetings in anticipation of our next public forum.

Kristen pointed out that while we have studied water quality and flow in the brook as an indicator of watershed health, we should be doing the same for the 3400 acres of the watershed itself- look at land use in the watershed. This could lead to educating homeowners about practices they can incorporate on their own properties, however large and small, which will benefit both the Mill Brook watershed and the larger watershed of Tisbury Great Pond.

Chuck sent the list of questions and comments by committee members to Carl Nielsen of ESS Group. Carl indicated that this list was helpful and that he will have answers for us soon.

Kent has done some preliminary analysis of the water level data from ESS Group, in comparison with the water flow monitoring that he does at several locations along Mill Brook. The two sets of data for 2015 appear to be fairly consistent with each other. Kent is eager to see the excel spreadsheet data from ESS Group. This will enable him to more closely compare exact dates and times of flow events.

The minutes of 4/25/16 and 5/9/16 were approved with minor amendments, all in favor.

Our next meeting date will be on June13 at 5 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Prudy Burt