

Minutes

Mill Brook Watershed Management Planning Committee

March 28 2016

Present: Tim Boland, Prudy Burt, Kristen Fauteux, Chuck Hodgkinson, Nancy Huntington (by phone), Rez Williams. Also present: Kent Healy.

Absent: Cindy Mitchell, Selena Roman.

Chair Chuck Hodgkinson called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

The draft report from ESS Group was unavailable for review.

Prudy initiated a discussion of the Edey Foundation report on water temperature data provided by the Sea Run Brook Trout Coalition (appendix # 19 and 19A) and the 2015 temperature readings were handed out to the members. There are nearly a million data points collected so far, showing a cumulative impact from all the ponds.

Kent emphasized that water FLOW data is essential to obtain and can greatly affect water temperature. He said ambient air temperature is another factor. ESS is measuring water level, not flow and therefore may not be of much value due to uncertainties like determining where to cross section the brook and flow (volume over time). The committee agreed that water flow measurement should be part of any draft management plan.

Kristen had provided clarified reworkings of Macroinvertebrate location data as well as temperature data from the original Biodiversity Report. This will go on the Town website.

Chuck will thank the volunteers and give an oral report at Town Meeting.

Kristen's minutes of March 14 were approved unanimously with Chuck abstaining.

There was no Correspondence, no Old Business and no New Business.

The next meeting will be April 25 at 5:00 at the library. The ESS report should be available.

Meeting adjourned at 5:50.

Respectfully submitted,

Rez Williams