

Mill Brook Watershed Management Planning Committee

Minutes for 2/22/16

Present: Selena Roman, Cindy Mitchell, Tim Boland, Prudy Burt, Chuck Hodgkinson; Nancy Huntington present via conference call

Absent: Kristen Fauteux, Rez Williams

Also present: Kent Healy

ESS Group update: Chuck reported that he spoke with Carl Nielsen. The sixth and final winter water quality sampling has been completed by Sheri Caseau. Once Sheri completes the final download from the data loggers deployed by ESS Group in spring of 2015, the loggers will be pulled from Mill Brook. Carl is working on a draft report for this committee.

BiodiversityWorks report: the committee began a review of the report submitted by Luanne Johnson for BiodiversityWorks, a wildlife research organization which conducted a biological assessment and morphometric investigation of Mill Brook in 2015. The field work was conducted by biologist Dick Johnson (no relation to Luanne) with the help of volunteers coordinated by BiodiversityWorks.

Questions and comments included but not limited to:

Knowing **where** in Mill Brook the different species of invertebrates noted in report were found, as these animals are indicators of different water quality and habitat conditions.

Identifying the time of day during which sampling/water temperatures were taken.

Understanding what factors affect each of the parameters outlined in the report.

The committee will complete its review of this report at our next meeting on March 14.

Minutes of our 1/25/16 meeting were approved as amended.

Submitted by Prudy Burt, 3/14/16.