

Mill Brook Watershed Management Committee

Minutes of 8/14/23 meeting, approved 8/28/23

Present: Tim Boland, David Bouck, Angela Luckey, Prudy Burt, Bill Wilcox, Julie Pringle. Kristen Geagan joined the meeting at 5:35 p.m.

Absent: Cindy Mitchell

Also present: Tim McCobb, from the New England Water Science Bureau of the US Geological Survey (USGS)

Tim McCobb was present to discuss efforts currently under way on the island by USGS to gather data on the interface between fresh and salt water, particularly as it will be impacted by climate change, and to ultimately establish water management scenarios for the future.

Members discussed ongoing/past work that would inform this effort, including our own. Also discussed were the historic groundwater monitoring wells installed by the MV Commission.

Members present voted to create a working group of our committee to collaborate with Tim on this effort. Several members expressed interest, including Bill, David, Angela and Julie. This working group is not authorized to spend money, and will report back to the full committee. David will coordinate efforts to connect with Tim.

The draft minutes of the 7/24 meeting were approved, with Prudy abstaining due to her absence.

Not all members had finished reviewing Greg Whitmore's final macroinvertebrate report. All will do so and we will review at our next meeting. Kristen suggested that our map of sampling sites be attached to the report, and asked if we could get the data in excel format. Prudy will confirm with Greg.

Draft presentation: All present raved about the content and look of the revised presentation. David and Angela will incorporate suggested revisions before our next meeting.

Next meeting will be on 8/28/23

Submitted by Prudy Burt