

Mill Brook Watershed Management Committee

9/11/23 meeting minutes, approved 9/25/23

Present:

Prudy Burt, Cindy Mitchell, David Bouck, Angela Luckey, Kristen Geagan, Tim Boland, Bill Wilcox, Julie Pringle

Also present:

Maggie Craig, Beatrice Nessen, Anna Alley, Sheri Caseau

Draft minutes of 8/28/23 meeting were approved, all in favor.

Horsely Witten invoice #55394, \$1,050 was approved for payment. Prudy will send to community preservation committee for payment.

Committee members took one more pass on the data collection update (formerly referred to as the draft presentation). With several corrections, this is largely ready for posting on the town website. David will circulate this with incorporated edits via email, for final review by members before approval at our next meeting.

Beatrice Nessen asked about the timeline of completion of our final report, and the implementation of recommendations from the 2018 report. Members responded that we are working with our consultant, Neal Price of the environmental firm Horsley Witten to produce a final report on all of the data gathered over the last two years. We will have a public information session at that time. In the interim, we hope to post our data collection update on the town website within the next couple of weeks. Prudy reassured Beatrice that no one wants to get to implementation of actions and recommendations more than committee members.

Maggie Craig, Vineyard Vision fellow, and Sheri Caseau, MVC water resources planner, gave a short presentation on a biochar project; this consists of burning wood waste in a controlled environment, then placing the resulting burned product/charcoal in mesh net bags and placing these bags in waterways to absorb nutrients. As this item was not on the agenda, committee members did not discuss nor make any decisions. In advance of our next meeting, Maggie will share relevant data and information about the biochar concept for committee consideration at that time.

Our next meeting will be on 9/25/23 at 5 p.m. via zoom

Submitted by Prudy Burt