

2/24/20 Minutes

Mill Brook Watershed Management Committee

Present: David Bouck, Selena Roman, Prudy Burt, Angela Luckey, Bill Wilcox, Tim Boland

Absent: Cindy Mitchell, Brian Beal, Kristen Geagan

Also present: Kent Healy

No minutes ready for approval today.

Kent shared a brief overview of his water flow measurements at Priester Pond. Bill asked Kent if he could get his data into a shared format- all the raw data with exact day/time points versus a graph of several months where it is impossible to discern exact times of day.

After reviewing Michelle Craddock's memo, Bill determined that we should zero in on the stream flow between Priester Pond and Mill Pond- this includes all of the known diversions and withdrawals. Members concurred. Also discussed was the need to get continuous dissolved oxygen measurements, as well as some soil samples to investigate green sand deposits.

Members then shared their ideas about how to prioritize the conclusions and recommendations from the 2018 report. Selena and Angela both suggested that pursuing a vegetation management plan at Mill Pond. This will require concomm review and MA Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program. Angela asked how many sampling stations would be needed for effective data- would 4 sites be sufficient? She agrees with what Bill said at our 2/3/20 meeting- that better data at fewer sites is important. She also suggested that we host a public forum as we get

started, to introduce ourselves and to solicit public input from the very beginning. Bill said that ongoing water quality sampling is key, as is rainfall collection and analysis from several sites in the watershed.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday, March 10 at 5 p.m.

Submitted by Prudy Burt