

5/11/20 draft minutes

Mill Brook Watershed Management Committee

Zoom call

Present: Selena Roman, Cindy Mitchell, Bill Wilcox, Kristen Fauteux, Tim Boland, David Bouck, Angela Luckey, Prudy Burt and Brian Beal

No minutes ready for approval today.

Selena asked members to clarify what the actual name of this committee is - there are several versions floating around. Members agreed that it is the Mill Brook Watershed Management Committee, and that it should have its own new page on the town website. Prudy will contact town clerk to do this.

Re water withdrawal bylaw regulations, Brian indicated that conservation commission had not yet taken any new action on this, nor had there been any applications under the water withdrawal bylaw.

Selena shared a set of recent planning board minutes in which there was a discussion about Maley Pond, and the fire department's plans for improved access to the dry hydrant there. Selena suggested that this committee should be involved in this discussion as this is one of the withdrawals/diversions identified in the 2018 Mill Brook report as being in need of being addressed. Members present discussed sending a letter to the appropriate boards and committees (conservation commission, planning board, board of selectmen and Island Climate Action Network) introducing our work and interest in being a part of discussions and decisions pertaining to conclusions and recommendations in the 2018 report. Prudy will draft a letter to be approved at our next meeting.

David will speak with Emily Reddington of the Great Ponds Foundation this week about using the YSI meter to get field measurements of water quality- temperature, pH, dissolved oxygen, etc. All members agree that it will be important to hire professional

expertise with cold water streams and their watersheds to oversee fieldwork and collate gathered data in a comprehensive way. Several members expressed keen interest in volunteering to gather data under the guidance of this qualified person/firm. Selena suggested that, as our work proceeds, we break up into subcommittees to accomplish tasks; this worked well during our last incarnation.

Bill suggested that we find a location in the watershed to locate a national weather service rain gauge- there are currently 4 of these on the island, but none in the Mill Brook watershed.

Kristen will invite Nick Wildman to our next zoom meeting to discuss next steps in how to accomplish conclusions and recommendations from the 2018 report.

Our next meeting will be on Monday, 5/18/20 at 5 p.m.

Submitted by Prudy Burt