

Town of Ayer
Dam and Pond Management Committee
Meeting Minutes dated: February 13, 2012

Call to order: A meeting of the Dam and Pond Management Committee, was held in Town Hall, Ayer, Massachusetts on January 30, 2012. The initial meeting convened at approximately 7:00 p.m..

Members in attendance: Fire Chief Robert Pedrazzi (Member)
Warren Ball, (Conservation Commission designated Member)
Don Rzasa (Chairman)
Marina Giovannini (Member)
Michele Riggs (Clerk)
Lauri Nehring (Alternate member)

Members not in attendance: Dan Nason, DPW Superintendent
Robert Pontbraind, Town Administrator

Approval of Minutes:

Motion was made by Chairman, and seconded to approve the minutes of the January 30, 2012 meeting.

Motion carried.

New Business:

Chairman presented the Meetings Agenda and all members in attendance discussed a standard meeting structure to ensure productive and effective discussions.

Chairman presented items for later review and discussion regarding other towns management plans as well as a general lake and pond management reports/manuals. Chairman presented materials in relation to Dam Maintenance, Safety & Liability and Members discussed surrounding how other towns received funding, their methods surrounding pond draw down procedures and chemical usage.

Members discussed the Committee's priorities & objectives which included establishing a program for oversight of Ayer's Ponds & Dams and the creation of a plan for future years ongoing maintenance to ensure all the ponds and dams are maintained in an appropriate fashion according to their designated purpose and hazard level. All information will be provided to the Town's Board of Selectmen including the Committee's Risk Assessment of each Dam and Pond.

To assist in the creation of a plan and report, Committee Members recognized the need to obtain further information in relation to Dam property ownership requirements, inspections, current status, and hazard levels, thus various Members will be attempting to obtain specific information for the next scheduled meeting.

Policies surrounding removal or replacement of dam "boards" which permit or restrict dam water flow were discussed.

The Committee determined that initially the objectives for the Members is to prepare a report which identifies the issues surrounding each dam; work on a plan for pending treatment; potentially hire an expertise in the field to inform the Committee on various maintenance items which may need attention; and to educate the community in relation to maintenance and care for the Town's watershed.

Announcements:

None.

Adjournment: February 27, 2012 and the Town Hall, Ayer, MA, were fixed to be the time and place of the next regular meeting and the February 13, 2012 meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:30 p.m.

Clerk
Dam and Pond Management Committee

Date of approval