

BELGRADE AREA DAMS COMMITTEE
February 12th, 2024 @ 4:00 PM, Belgrade Town Office

In attendance: Craig Alexander (Chair), Dick Greenan, Tom Bennett, Blaine Horrocks, Matthew Zeh, Cameron McCafferty, Boyd Snowden, Michael Belanger, Ted Fontaine, Garrett Luszczycki (Secretary)

Guests: Gordon Woods (East Pond)

- **Meeting Commencement:**
 - Meeting called to order by Craig at 4:05pm.
- **Previous Meeting Minutes:**
 - Garrett noted additions to January Meeting Minutes sent via email from Edie Cornwall.
 - Dick made a motion to accept the January minutes as amended, Tom second. All in favor.
- **Current Dams Levels:**
 - Craig stated Great Pond was 247.2' (approx. 5.5" below full, G @ 2' open)
 - Tom stated Long Pond was 237.7' (approx. 6.5" below full, G1 @ 2.5' & G2 @ 2' open)
 - Cam stated Salmon Lake was 277.2' (approx. 9" below full, G @ min flow)
 - Dick stated Snow Pond was 235.1' (approx. 4.1" below full pond)
- **Lake Levels Strategy Discussion:**
 - Water levels at the Great Pond Village Dam has dropped 15.5" since peak and now dropping at a rate of ~1/2" per day. Will maintain rate/status so as to maintain safe ice conditions around dams as best as practical.
 - We have lost nearly all snowpack for spring runoff. Will maintain current water levels as practical looking ahead to spring.
- **New Maintenance:**
 - The Village Dam squealing has been resolved. Just needed to be greased. Also added gear oil into the gear box.
 - The Village Dam bubbler got knocked off by a large ice chunk. This has been remounted.
 - The Salmon Lake Dam reports some leakage along the seals and will continue to monitor for any freezing issues.
- **Old Business:**
 - 2024 Budget Request Update:
 - All towns acknowledged receipt of the proposed budget. Awaiting town meetings.
 - Schedule Dams walk-throughs with new members – Lorna, Boyd, Mike and Edie:
 - Craig will attempt to coordinate with team as weather improves.
 - Wing's Mill gate 1 repair:

- Tabled until Spring. This will be a warm weather issue to repair.

- **New Business:**

- Mike asked whether there was any emergency plan in place for power to the dams during an electrical outage. Craig noted that the Village Dam and Salmon Dam have manual options for dam operation. The Wing's Mill Long Pond Dam would require a portable generator to be wired up. Craig will investigate potential options/pricing for generator hookup at the Wing's Mill and Village Dams. Could potentially build into planned lighting estimate.

- **Report from East Pond Guest(s):**

- Gordon noted that East Pond Dam is approximately 6" below full and wide open which results in about 6" of water flowing over the dam. Currently minimal debris in flow.
- Maintenance work as water levels drop and the committee can access the dam.

- **Next Meeting:**

- Scheduled for Monday, March 11th, 4pm at the Belgrade Town Office.

- **Meeting Adjournment & Post-Meeting Discussion**

- Dick made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Tom. All in favor. Adjourned 4:23pm.