

BELGRADE AREA DAMS COMMITTEE
MEETING February 27, 2017 @ 4:00 PM

Attending were: Chmn. Doug McCafferty, Tim Comeford, Mike Heino, Craig Alexander, Tom Bennet, Carrie Castonguay and Secretary Dick Greenan.

Meeting called to order by Chairman, Doug McCafferty at 4:00pm at the Belgrade Town office.

1. Doug made a motion to accept the January 2017 minutes with a 2nd by Tom. With no changes suggested, minutes unanimously approved.

2. Regarding current Dams levels: Doug stated Salmon was 277.5 or 6” below full and opened 4-5 turns. Tim stated GP was currently at 246 or 17” below full with Gate 1 opened 2’. Dick stated that as of 2/23, Wings Mill was 21.6” below full with both Gates opened .6”.

3. Doug suggested an interim strategy of letting the ponds come up slowly where possible to ensure adequate reserves. Tim stated that there is currently no frost in the ground.

4. Doug asked for an update on required maintenance. Dick stated that he has reached out to 2 DOT recommended engineers for assistance with the Village dam leakage and is waiting to hear back. Tim stated that Dan Spalding Engineering performed the last repair approx. 8 yrs ago and is now scheduled to come back this Spring after the snow is gone. Tim also noted that the NE corner has a solid base and as such should not present an immediate threat.

5. Carrie presented a financing option from Maine Emergency Mgmt regarding a potential low interest loan up to \$100K for the Village dam remediation. The option to be explored as remediation efforts progress.

6. Tim brought in the Dams files from past chair Dick McKenzie. Mike to organize the files and return to Carrie for storage in the Town’s fireproof vault.

7. Doug suggested that by the March meeting, we hopefully will have the Village dam remediation engineering quotes/surveys for review.

8. Doug stated that Craig and Kerry's terms are expiring next month and require updated paperwork submitted to the Town with both to be sworn in for another term. Craig will hand deliver the paperwork to Kerry.

9. Doug stated that his upcoming calendar will limit his availability to routinely clear the Salmon dam debris. Doug stated that his son Cameron is familiar with the dam maintenance and is willing to fill in as well as Craig stated that he is available to back up both if necessary.

10. The next Dams Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 20th @ 4pm.

8. Doug made a motion to adjourn with a 2nd by Craig. Unanimously confirmed. Meeting adjourned at 4:36pm.