

**BELGRADE AREA DAMS COMMITTEE**  
**September 10th, 2018 @ 4:00 PM**

Attending were: Chmn. Doug McCafferty, Tim Comeford, Craig Alexander, Don Borman, Tom Bennett, Selectman Mike Barrett, guests Ed and Whitney Selover, Sharon Mann (7Lakes Alliance) and Secretary Dick Greenan.

Meeting called to order by Chmn. Doug McCafferty at 4:00pm at the Belgrade Town Office.

1. Craig made a motion to accept the August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018 minutes with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom. With no changes suggested, minutes unanimously approved.
2. Tim made a motion to accept the August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Special minutes with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Craig. With no changes suggested, minutes unanimously approved.
3. Regarding current Dams levels: Doug stated Salmon was at 276.62 or approximately 18” below full pond and losing about 1/10” per day. Tim stated GP was 8.5” below full with both Gates closed. Dick stated Wings Mill was 18.84” below full with both gates completely closed.
4. Doug presented two issues related to Pike Industries drawing water from the Salmon public ramp; the impact of the loss of that volume of water and blocking the ramp during their pumping. Don stated that he has received noise complaints regarding pool companies pumping water by the Oakland Dam. Tim to follow-up with Town Mgr. Keschl on the legalities of drawing water (*TM since stated there are no regulations related to this activity*).
5. In order to provide Long Pond some relief, Craig made a motion to open the Village dam Gate One 2-3” with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom. Three supported the motion, three voted against. With a tie the motion was denied.
6. Regarding Maintenance:
  - a. Tim stated that Steve Liberty completed the Village dam cement patch about 2 months ago.
  - b. The Committee agreed to postpone the Village Dam painting and concrete repair until Spring 2019 for additional bids. Tim to solicit additional bids.
  - c. Gary Foss visited WM 9/11 to survey parking lot erosion.
7. Old Business:
  - a. Doug asked if the retroactive DEP permit has been received to which the answer was no.
  - b. Doug stated that the Salmon Lake Emergency Action Plan should be finalized by now.

8. New Business: Craig proposed revising the “Fall Drawdown and Winter Storage Schedule” with a 12-18” drawdown vs. the 18 – 24” schedule for both Great and Long Ponds. Following discussion, an ad hoc committee of Doug, Craig and Tim was formed to pursue the proposal.
9. With discussion of potential private donors willing to support a WM dam remediation, Dick to contact TM Keschl with what it will take for the Town of Belgrade to accept private donations for this specific remediation.
10. Next regular monthly meeting scheduled for Monday, October 15th at 4pm.
11. The meeting was adjourned at 4:52pm.