

BELGRADE AREA DAMS COMMITTEE
October 15, 2018 @ 4:00 PM

Attending were: Chmn. Doug McCafferty, Tim Comeford, Craig Alexander, Don Borman, Tom Bennett, Town Manager Dennis Keschl and Secretary Dick Greenan.

Meeting called to order by Chmn. Doug McCafferty at 3:58p at the Belgrade Town Office.

1. Doug made a motion to accept the October 2nd, 2018 minutes with a 2nd by Tim. With changes/additions suggested, minutes unanimously approved.

2. Regarding current Dams levels: Doug stated Salmon was at 276.48 or approximately 1.5' below full pond. Doug stated that he has notified the Salmon Lakes Assoc. regarding the channel water level concern. Tim stated GP was 246.2 or 15.72" below full with Gate 1 opened 1.5'. Dick stated Wings Mill was 13.32" below full with both gates opened 3'.

4. Regarding strategy, Doug proposed bringing Salmon up to 12" weather permitting. It was agreed that the Committee would try to maintain Great and Long Ponds at the seasonal 18" minimum levels for the foreseeable future.

5. Regarding Maintenance:
 - a. Dick to contact Commercial Divers for their recommended water level for the Nov. repair.
 - b. Doug/Tim stated that the brush only removal at Salmon and the Village was completed.
 - c. The WM parking lot erosion problem remains unresolved due to staff availability.

6. Regarding the WM 'Permanent' remediation:
 - a. Tim suggested a detailed engineering analysis prior to any permanent remediation.
 - b. The deadline of January 15th, 2019 was presented to have exact pricing into the respective Towns for placement as Warranty Articles at the Annual Town Meetings.
 - c. Current financing rates were presented and discussed: A 3.5-4% bond option was discussed which the Dams Committee must first present to the Select board for inclusion as a Warrant Article at the March Town Meeting. The TM presented the Mill Rate option as well.

7. The TM presented the requirement of 8cfs flow from the WM dam as possibly being outdated and unnecessary as there is no longer an Oakland Sewage discharge mandating such flow. The proposal requires further investigation.

8. There was further discussion regarding the amount the Committee should request of the Towns for the 2019 budget based on preliminary engineering survey costs, etc. and the fact that the final remediation option and costs will take months to ascertain and will not be available prior to the 1/15/19 deadline. For reference, the Committee requested \$20K for 2017 and \$40K for the 2018 budget. Tim to price out the respective Towns' percentage/portion based on a theoretic \$40-80K request.
9. Dick to contact Commercial Divers for comment regarding the Wright-Pierce quotes as well as a list of dams that have recently gone through similar remediation.
10. Dick to research former TM Castonway's proposal for alternative loan financing.
11. Next regular monthly meeting scheduled for Monday, November 5th at 4pm.
12. A motion was made by Dick to adjourn with a second by Tom. Unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 5:13pm.