

BELGRADE AREA DAMS COMMITTEE – EMERGENCY MEETING
September 29th, 2023 @ 4:00 PM, Belgrade Town Office

In attendance: Dick Greenan (Chair), Craig Alexander, Tom Bennett, Blaine Horrocks, Mike Belanger (via phone), Garrett Luszczki (Secretary)

Guests: Hans Rasmussen (Code Enforcement)

Penny Morrell

- **Meeting Commencement:**

- Meeting called to order by Dick at 4:05pm.
- General discussion and introductions with guests.
- Purpose: The dams committee is meeting in an emergency session to determine path forward for the Village Dam repair.

- **Summary of Events To-Date:**

- The Dams Committee has been in conversations and planning over the past year and a half with Knowles Engineering for the repair/remediation of the Village Dam. Quotes have been received and supplemental quotes have been obtained for installation of the cofferdam.
 - \$80-100k for Knowles for the Dam concrete work
 - \$17.2k for Commercial Divers for cofferdam install work below water
 - \$24.6k for Jason Stevens to install the cofferdam equipment and materials
- The Dams Committee sought and received budgetary approvals from the towns to support the anticipated cost of the dam repair and all towns have approved.
- Over this past summer it was noted that the Village Dam condition continues to degrade and appears to be accelerating in its degradation. There is some concern from the Dams Committee that operation of the dam gate could be at jeopardy if the deterioration continues which could lead to further maintenance/repair costs.
- The Dams Committee was approached by local contractors Steve Liberty and Shawn Landry at the September 2023 monthly meeting and sought to bid the work. The bid was received the final week of September 2023.
 - \$142.1k for Liberty Builders to complete all aspects of the work
 - Optional \$14,500 quote for resurfacing the gate and installing new seals with stainless steel hardware
- Approximately \$156k exists in the Dams Committee various accts currently.

- **Current Status of Quotes:**

- Knowles Engineering has re-evaluated their schedule and based on the high water levels this summer, they are behind schedule completing other commitments.
 - Knowles now anticipates mobilization Fall 2024
 - No commitments on updated quote for work next year
- Liberty Builders remains confident in their proposed late-October start, based on Great Pond water-levels being lowered to 18-24" prior to the work. Some discussions still being finalized around concrete sealers to be used and rebar corrosion treatments to be used.

- **Lake Levels Strategy Discussion:**

- The Village Dam plans, pending rainfall projections next week, will open the gate by 5' following 10/9. Water levels should lower approximately 3/4" per day. Water levels will be lowered as quickly as can be done safely.
- Notifications to be sent out to for consideration/post on the Belgrade, BLA and Rome town signs, town websites and Facebook to notify landowners of quickly lowering water levels for boat considerations and pulling boats out for winter.

- **Path Forward and Vote:**

- Based on the assessment that Knowles will post-pone their efforts/timeline and Liberty Builders can complete the task immediately, Tom made the motion to accept the quote from Liberty Builders and commence work this fall. Craig seconded this motion.
 - Discussion amongst the Dams Committee agreed this is contingent upon Liberty Builders providing all insurance for the project is obtained as required and is in alignment with similar insurances obtained by contractors working on the Wing's Mill Dam.
 - All in Favor. The Dams Committee will notify Liberty Builders they are the successful bidder and the noted conditions above.

- **Meeting Adjourned @ 4:40pm**