



WILLAND POND AD-HOC COMMITTEE – MINUTES

Meeting Type:	Special Meeting
Meeting Location:	Room 220, McConnell Center
Meeting Date:	03/08/11
Meeting Time:	6:00 to 6:30 pm

Members present: Rick Callahan, Bob Therrien, Jean Hausman, Marty Wilson

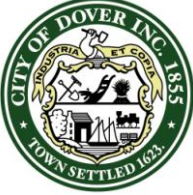
Guests present: Dean Peschel, Sally Soule, Barbara McMillian, Norm Fracassa, Bill Colbath

1. Call to Order: 6:02 pm
2. Approval of agenda: unanimously approved
3. Approval of November 23, 2010 Meeting Minutes: Jean Hausman motioned to accept, Bob Therrien seconded the motion, all in favor.
4. Emery and Garret First Well Pumping Results: Dean Peschel reported that he hopes to have results by the March 22, 2011 meeting.
5. New Well Drilling and Progress: this appears on the March 22 meeting agenda.
6. Shawnee Lane Residence Flood: Jean Hausman noted that she thinks flooding still exists, as she saw a neighbor pumping recently. Complaining party not present and Harvey Turner who was the contact, is also not present. Item moved to Mar 22 meeting.
7. Sally Soule reported: Harvey Turner had smelled sewage in the area of Peters Marsh Brook outlet. Sally collected (3) samples on 11/30/2010. All results were below State standard for bacteria/ water quality and indicating no sewage present. She can re-sample in spring or summer if odors are reported.
8. Tree cutting and cleanup: Many trees were cut and removed and somewhere left. Dean reported on the safety issue of dead trees left standing or across paths. The City (Dover) does have opportunity to use the prisoners from Strafford County. The prisoners go in and cut firewood and donate it. There is a need for more trees to be cut. Dean mentioned that a county forester can be invited by an individual property owner to get rid of dead wood for removal.

Bob Therrien said there are lots of trees down on the path and elsewhere.

Rick asked how this affects the mission of Ad-Hoc (having the trees there). The trees are not adding to the environmental problems. The Boy Scouts have offered to cleanup. Perhaps we should let Friends of Willand Pond invite volunteers to cleanup. Dean approves of this. Sally said the scouts are looking forward to their Willand Pond stewardship again this year.

Jean expressed concern about liability if injuries are suffered during cleanup. This is a valid concern and will need follow-up if trees are to be cut.



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Norm Fracassa, landscaping consultant, attended. He with his group is busy updating the city's master plan and as a resident has concerns about trees that we'll lose as a result of high water (what to do with, and are we replanting?). The current path with respect to the water's edge may change the plan greatly. As a landscape designer he is concerned about how to control who takes wood/vegetation and what is taken. He was also concerned we were going to have too many trees may be removed.

Dean understands that only the dead trees are being cut.

Rick explained that there should be no trees taken that weren't identified by experts, such as the County Forester, to be cut. The Ad-Hoc is a sounding board whose purpose is to try to assist the City in correcting the damaging environmental and water height issues, as long as the trees do not contribute to those problems the Ad-Hoc will not be involved. The Friends of Willand Pond who would find volunteer groups do the tree cutting as identified.

Bob Therrien commented that trees have been removed responsibly and in small number with no poaching as of yet.

Jean said that we need volunteers like Norm to help to replant the edge.

Jean motioned to move this item to Friends. Bob seconded, all in favor.

9. Invasive Aquatic Plants: Sally Soule reported that DES found a Milfoil infestation in Willand Pond that needs to be nipped as soon as possible. This summer the plant will be treated with an herbicide. Amy Smagula will be in charge of control and will come to AdHoc to speak if we have questions. Most is concentrated around the boat launch to the Peters Marsh Brook area. June 15 will be the start date. The treatment is a target-specific herbicide. This is felt to be a new infestation. Rick asked if Amy can attend the AdHoc meeting as well as the Friends. Sally noted that Amy is looking for folks to be weed watchers also. Doug Knight has agreed to help. We will invite Amy to our next available (probably April 26) meeting. Marty motioned, Bob seconded, all in favor.

-----Remaining Agenda items are moved to the March 22, 2011 meeting.-----

10. Adjournment: 6:35pm