

The Committee convened at the Operations Center at 39 Ayer Road in Littleton, Massachusetts

Members present: Jon Folsom Savas Danos
Dan Lord Steven Sussman
Debbie Bray Eliot Putnam

Chairman Folsom called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM. The agenda topic was a review of the findings of the meeting with Army Corps and ESS from two weeks prior in regards to the potential Mill Pond Restoration Project.

The meeting began with a shared frustration of the seemingly lack of progress made from the last meeting with Army Corps over two years ago. It was noted that at the very least new information was uncovered and communication lines were for the moment open. It is clear that in the most important factor in the eyes of the Army Corps is the long term sustainability of newly created ecosystem in order for them to endorse/undertake the project.

Discussion was had on next best steps in light of the past meeting. Savas suggested we re-analyze the nutrient load/discharge from the Kraft (Very Fine) facility to see if in fact their load had decreased over the past 6 years. If in fact the load has decreased this would positively impact the long term viability of the project. Savas also indicated he would have spot checks done on water samples from the pond to see if there were any positive changes over the past few years.

Public access to the pond was then discussed, since though this was in the plans, nothing had been formally (physically) created as of yet.

It was brought to the floor that other alternatives need to be explored in the event this project never does take place. Options for consideration included:

1. Drawdowns
2. Raking
3. Chemical treatments
4. Town funded dredging
5. Allum treatments

Committee agreed the next steps were to do the analysis on the water samples, get the current discharge info from Kraft, and build the public access ramp with signage in the spring. All were in agreement other options needed to be considered, but that the group needed to continue to communicate with and strive for Army Corps participation for the larger scale project.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Minutes accepted as corrected, by unanimous vote, TU 2.13.07, Jonathan Folsom, CLC Chairman