

Core Group for a Permanent Solution
Meeting at Canton Town Office
September 28, 2009

Core group present: Mac Ray, Polly Bussiere, Jackie Conant, Rob Turnbull
Other interested parties - Mary Standard (Sun Journal), Herb Harding, Gary Dougherty, and Morrill Nason and Rusty Knight from Hartford.

Drawdown of dam water - Mark Blanchette and Mac Ray started last weekend removing logs. Within 2 weeks all logs will be removed. The lake will be down 2 ft. instead of 4 ft.

Friday, Sept. 25th Workshop - Summary of workshop by Mac Ray. The long and short of it is between the dam to Rt. 140 and after culvert, the highly engineered portion, which cannot be changed easily. At Cross St. a lot of erosion has occurred and at other spots on stream (not as involved). Inland Fish & Wildlife, Mr. Pellerin, stated that the lake level should be up in order to stock cold water fish. Mac stated that we must have a community plan - what we want from lake to Androscoggin - to figure it out.

Violation update - 2 weeks ago Mac Ray had a meeting with Colin Clark from DEP, Sen. Bruce Bryant, Scotty Kilbreth and Brian Jordan (Canton select people). Colin wants all logs and rocks removed, NEPA permit needed - Mac to apply for a NEPA permit to remove logs and rocks - to sanctify what we did as well as a permission to remove the top structure of the old dam.

Sept 11th meeting - State (DEP) personnel called to ask Mac Ray why he wasn't at meeting; Mac stated that the state was going to check out the availability of people and get back to him. That did not occur - state dropped the ball.

Website - Rusty Knight stated that the website had pictures of the emergency repair of the dam. Mac asked that Gary and Polly check it out.

AVCOG Meeting - Jackie Conant, Debi Hutchins, Amy Landry AVCOG and Terry Stevens CDBG office met to discuss applying for a grant. Amy stated "all grant applications should be finished by Dec." Debi Hutchins is to check with Rural Development about applying for a loan.

Permanent Dam - Discussed the 3 options:

- (1) New dam
- (2) Repairing old dam with repair of left embankment
- (3) Do nothing - removing old dam

Kleinschmidt quoted a price of \$800,000+ but Mac Ray is going to email Kevin about some items that could be removed if we go with a new dam at the present site.

- (1) Not having to fix left embankment
- (2) Removing old dam steel superstructure

Mac Ray wants Kevin to rearrange the amount of money to come to approximately \$650,000. One cost saving item is the bedrock is 10 ft. below instead of 30 ft., which Kevin estimated it could be.

Grant application update - Grant is for \$500,000.

- (1) Need to apply for a loan for \$150,000
- (2) Need to have Canton Town Meeting early in November - may need hearing also. Good thing that Amy stated that there were no holdovers from last year
- (3) Canton Water District needs to survey all water users about their household income.

Height of the dam - Mr. Nason asked about the new dam. Height was discussed. High hazard dams are 6 ft. or over. A dam under 6 ft does not require MEMA regulations but needs a NRPA permit required by DEP.

Next Meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Monday, October 12th at the Canton Town Office. Mac may not be able to attend. Herb Harding wanted to request that Debi Hutchins be present to discuss issues.

Respectfully submitted,
Polly Bussiere for Judy Hamilton, Secretary