

Dam Advisory Committee
Minutes of August 29, 2011

In attendance: Mac Ray, Jack Atwater, Polly Bussiere and Judy Hamilton

Short meeting was held on the steps of the town office because no one had a key and it was a beautiful evening following the hurricane.

Bowman Construction has moved a trailer and excavator on site. They were planning on driving sheet pilings last week but postponed this until after the water recedes following the hurricane. Mac will replace the logs in the temporary dam as soon as the water returns to summer levels to partially de-water the construction area. Bowman construction foreman has been on location. Subcontractors have been lined up, erosion control is ready to go and concrete and rebar have been ordered. Construction work should be obvious after the holiday at the latest.

CDBG Funding report (funds expended, match used, etc) should be available to the committee from the town. Mac will ask Kathy for a summary.

A blue fiberglass canoe has been tied up by the temporary dam for a couple of months. Mac took it to his house to get it out of the way of construction crews. The owner should contact Mac (514-5474).

EPA grant paperwork is complete and submitted. Mac is ready to put an ad in the paper to find an engineer for the cleanup project. The grant funds become available October 1st. Hiring an engineer is the first step. The cleanup and use of the grant funds must be completed within three years.

Multipurpose bridge grant application is due December 9, 2011. Polly has begun to work on the application. Kevin Chamberlain is scheduling to meet with Mick Rogers (Maine Park & Lands) for the required pre-application site visit. Joe Cloonan is currently reviewing the application to help Polly and Sue Gammon will be asked to help with the actual writing of the grant. Landscaping on either side of the bridge can be included in the grant budget along with the materials for the bridge. The match for this grant will easily be covered through the volunteers providing engineering designs and construction of the bridge. Perhaps the landscaping, if paid for by this grant, can become part of the match required for either the EPA or CDBG grant funds. Mac will look into this and assist Polly with this part of the grant budget proposal.

Temporary dam was opened in advance of hurricane Irene. Mac pulled off three logs on Friday and he and Marc removed six more on Saturday while taking a swim in the Mill Pond. The temporary dam did fine and there have been no complaints from those downstream. Construction workers should be back in business after Labor Day.

Next meeting will be Monday, October 3rd, 6:30 p.m. at the town office Mac hopes to have the EPA engineer on board by then.

Submitted by,
Judy Hamilton, Secretary