

Dam Advisory Committee Meeting

June 13, 2011

In attendance: Mac Ray, Jackie Conant, Judy Hamilton, Gary Dougherty, Leon Bucher (IF&W), Gene Groleau, Rob and Mitzie Turnbull

June 9th Informational Meeting – Mac brought the engineering designs for the new dam and the boat ramp for review prior to the hearing. Although not many folks attended the hearing, there were no real concerns about the easement for IF&W construction of a boat launch on the dam property. There was a request for a dry-hydrant on the site to facilitate the fire department pumping water from the Mill Pond for fire protection. Space for two vehicles, side by side, is needed and hydrant access cannot block anglers' use of the boat ramp. The exact location is yet to be determined.

A meeting with the CWD trustees is scheduled for Wednesday, June 15th, to secure the other required easement. Leon Bucher will be attending that meeting as well. An article for the Canton Town Warrant on June 25th was given to the IF&W attorney for review. Leon left a full-size engineering design of the proposed boat launch.

EPA Clean-up Grant – On June 8th, Canton received notice that their grant application was awarded \$200,000 to mitigate contamination on the dam site from the Brindis tannery use. Jackie Conant and Kathy Hutchins went to Portland on June 10th to officially accept the check.

Scotty Kilbreth and Mac Ray will represent the Canton tannery clean up project at the training for all grantees on June 20 or 21st in Chelmsford, MA. This is an opportunity for clarification on procedures, documentation requirements, and regulations. Mac also touched base with Brian Beneski at DEP Brownsfields program and they are still gathering details. It is unclear when Canton should apply for admission to DEP's VRAP.

Questions were raised about whether IF&W or the EPA grant will pay for the area of the boat ramp. Leon Bucher would like to see the EPA grant take care of the fill, shaping and marker barrier. This would leave IF&W with the final covering whether paving or gravel surface. It is unclear as yet to whether this would allow more paving of the parking area by IF&W. We do not know what the EPA grant mitigation covers. Sequencing of the various projects should begin with the dam and the other projects brought in as planning, permitting and preparation take place.

NRPA Permit – was received June 9th. It is a clear, non-confrontational document. A copy was circulated by email. There are some minor changes needed by Kleinschmidt as final plans and specs for the bid package are submitted to Canton. Once the bid package is complete and an ad is ready to place in the papers, Kleinschmidt's engineering will be complete. Local contractors who have expressed an interest will be mailed bid packages directly. Any interested firm should contact Mac or the Canton office for a bid package. By mid-July, we should be ready to plan a grand celebration and ground breaking for all projects.

Question was raised about the commemoration of donations and memorials for the dam project. The lake association has not released details but has agreed to host an overall celebration most likely at the summer ground breaking.

Multiple Project Sequencing - commences with the new dam construction beginning once a contractor is hired by the town. This could be mid-July. Mac's guess is that it could take three months to complete construction of the dam. Once the dam contractor is selected, IF&W could be ready to proceed with permitting, preparation and putting the boat ramp project out to bid. The dam contractor would have an advantage in the boat ramp bidding. The EPA mitigation to fill, shape and place a marker-barrier would presumably come before the boat ramp is installed. Each project will need a separate schedule to meet requirements for each. CDBG grant is being administered by AVCOG and Mac will inquire about their also helping with the EPA grant administration.

Multipurpose Bridge Grant is due August 5th. A site inspection needs to be scheduled with Dept of Conservation Bureau of Parks and Lands. The materials list estimate for the project is \$9830.55. The grant application for \$10,000 is to cover materials with volunteers building the bridge. The current design does not include a connection between the end of the bridge and the access/parking areas for the boat ramp. This should be easily accomplished and boat ramp parking could be used by snowmobiles and a hiking trailhead. Parking should be monitored to make sure that adequate parking is provided anglers year around.

A question was raised about the new floating boat barrier connections to the shoreline. Perhaps both ends should be on Canton town property and angled away from the gated section of the dam. In any case, IF&W does not have any responsibility for securing an easement for the floating barrier.

Next meeting: is scheduled for Monday, June 27th at 6:30 p.m. at the Canton Town Office.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Hamilton