

Dam Advisory Committee Meeting
June 27, 2011

In attendance: Mac Ray, Polly Bussiere, Jackie Conant, Mitzie & Rob Turnbull, Judy Hamilton, Scotty Kilbreth

Dam construction – Kleinschmidt is finishing up the spec project package with the final engineering designs for putting the dam construction project out to bid. Mac expects this to be ready by Friday, July 1. Mac will write an ad for the paper and draft a letter to send to prospective contractors and send it to Terry Ann Stevens, our contact with CDBG, for review. This spec package is expected to be large in size and, therefore, interested contractors will need to come to the Canton town office to pick up a copy. The ad should appear in the paper right after the 4th at the latest and an informational meeting will be scheduled for July 13th to give prospective contractors an opportunity to walk the site, ask questions and gather information for preparing a bid. All bids will be due by 5 p.m. July 27th and bids will be opened at the Selectmen's meeting on July 28th.

The bids will be available for committee/selectmen review. If this timing holds, a joint meeting of this committee and the Canton select board is proposed for Monday, August 1st at 6:30 p.m. to make a decision. Not only price, but also contractor reputation and how soon construction can begin will be considered in making this decision.

Ground-breaking ceremony – Mac has been talking with LAA President, Biff Atwater, about planning a ground breaking effort also with the intent of generating new and more donations to the project. With the proposed timing, mid-August could be the appropriate time and could possibly be part of the lake association's Lake Days weekend events (August 13/14).

There is a need to commemorate and recognize support of the dam project by CDBG, the boat ramp by IF&W and the Brownfields cleanup by EPA. The lake association's desire to commemorate donations and memorial gifts toward the dam project on the site is welcomed by the Canton selectmen attending these meetings because it is another aspect of the entire project and the "park-like" design of the dam property. Polly Bussiere, Jackie Conant, Rob and Mitzie Turnbull volunteered to represent the dam committee on a joint task force with the lake association to gather ideas. Judy will get a copy of the proposed boat ramp design to display at the Hartford town office as well with a request for ideas.

EPA Grant meeting– Scotty Kilbreth and Mac attended the kick off and information session in Chelmsford MA required of those receiving grant funding. The grant period officially begins July 1st and the usual paperwork needs to be completed and signed by the deadline later this month. A working plan and schedule is part of the paperwork to figure out how the Brownfields cleanup fits into the full picture of the various projects on the Canton site. The \$200K grant funds will not be released until October 1st. There are provisions, however, for release of limited funds to cover the hiring of an engineer and grant administrator in a similar way as the CDBG funds. Mac will consult with Canton's EPA contact, Jeff Byrne, and Brian Beneski on how this can be accomplished. The cleanup is expected to be the final part of the entire project to be completed and could be as late as next spring. With coordination of the various projects still unclear, it will likely take a meeting of Kevin Cooley, Leon Bucher, and Brian Beneski with Mac to come up with a definitive schedule of events.

Work day is planned for July 23rd – to “tighten up” the temporary dam, install silt fencing and turbidity screen in preparation for beginning of construction on the new dam. These are tasks that volunteers can complete and can be counted toward the in-kind match for one of the grants. As we move forward, we need to keep good records of volunteers, how many man-hours are given and what is accomplished. An appropriate dollar figure will be assigned for the in-kind match of the work day as well as any other volunteer efforts given throughout the construction and cleanup phase.

DEP has rescinded the 1978/1996 Revised Water Level Management Plan on the old dam. The current plan is to manage the new dam as the temporary dam has been managed to keep water levels similar to those regulating the old dam. The official letter from Dana Murch rescinding the WLMP was also sent to Asst. Attorney General Phyllis Gardner. A similar rescinding of the MEMA safety order is expected to follow.

The grant package for the construction materials for the multipurpose bridge across the old bridge abutments should be available soon. Kevin Chamberlain will handle the required site visit in early August. The deadline for the completed grant application is early November.

Next meeting is scheduled with the Canton select board on Monday, August 1st at 6:30 p.m. at the town office.

Submitted by,
Judy Hamilton