

BELGRADE AREA DAMS COMMITTEE
January 9th, 2023 @ 4:00 PM, Belgrade Town Office

In attendance: Dick Greenan (Chair), Craig Alexander, Tom Bennett, Cameron McCafferty, Ted Fontaine, Blaine Horrocks, Matthew Zeh, Garrett Luszcski (Secretary), Hans Rasmussen (Guest)

- **Meeting Commencement:**
 - Meeting called to order by Dick at 4:00pm.
- **Previous Meeting Minutes:**
 - Tom made a motion to accept December minutes, 2nd by Ted. All in favor.
- **Current Dams Levels:**
 - Craig stated Great Pond was 246.8' (approx. 11" below full pond)
 - Tom stated Long Pond was 238.1' (approx. at full pond due to recent heavy rains)
 - Ted stated Salmon Lake was 277.1' (approx. 11" below full pond)
 - Dick stated Snow Pond was 234.9' (approx. 6.5" below full pond)
- **Lake Levels Strategy Discussion:**
 - Targeting 18" drawdown for winter storage levels. Difficulty with recent heavy rain.
 - Essex Hydro substation outage upcoming. Essex has asked that we hold back water to assist and operators will do what they can while also considering rainfall later this week.
- **New Maintenance:**
 - The Village Dam staff gauge has fallen off as a result of the deteriorating concrete and will be reinstalled once remediation work on the dam is complete.
- **Old Business:**
 - Salmon Lake By-Pass Pipe Calibration:
 - No further discussion and the committee is content with 15 turns for 1cfs.
 - Village Dam Concrete Remediation, Cofferdam and Project Update:
 - No new information/discussions to-date from Knowles Engineering.
 - Installation of Salmon Dam Convex Traffic Mirror:
 - The committee reviewed the mirror received and planned the attachment method.
 - The mirror is expected to be installed in the next few weeks.
 - Results of Army Corp., MEMA, Kennebec County EMA, DOT and Rep. Golden contacts for financial assistance with Village Dam remediation:
 - Dick reached out to these organizations for grants to help subsidize the cost of the dam remediation. Awaiting feedback – some communication with Kennebec County EMA and Rep. Golden's office.

- 2023 Proposed Dams Budget updates (meetings with Belgrade and Rome):
 - Dick expects he will update town budget committees Friday.
- **New Business:**
 - Tom Bennett & Cameron McCafferty Committee Renewals:
 - All in favor.
 - Operation update on debris screen at Salmon Lake Dam (safety line needed?):
 - Valve is currently closed as operators are ensuring the bottom of the dam does not freeze up while water levels are still fluctuating so much due to recent rains.
 - Installation of snowmobile crossing signage, Belgrade Town Office, etc.
 - Warnings have been posted & will put on town sign as well. Ice is not currently safe and subject to further stress with continued water level fluctuation from recent rains.
- **Next Meeting:**
 - Scheduled for Monday, February 13th, 4pm at the Belgrade Town Office.
- **Meeting Adjournment:**
 - Tom motioned for adjournment, second by Cam. All in favor. Adjourned at 4:27pm.