

BELGRADE AREA DAMS COMMITTEE
July 10th, 2023 @ 4:00 PM, Belgrade Town Office

In attendance: Dick Greenan (Chair), Craig Alexander, Tom Bennett, Matthew Zeh, Cam McCafferty, Ted Fontaine, Mike Belanger, Garrett Luszczy (Secretary)

Guests: Gordon Woods (East Pond)

Ed Cornwall (East Pond)

Eddie Cornwall (East Pond)

- **Meeting Commencement:**

- Meeting called to order by Dick at 4:04pm.
- General discussion and introductions with guests.

- **Previous Meeting Minutes:**

- Dick asked for a vote to accept the June minutes. All in favor.

- **Current Dams Levels:**

- Craig stated Great Pond was 248.0' (approx. 3" above full pond)
 - Gate 1 open 24"
- Tom stated Long Pond was 237.9' (approx. 4" below full pond)
 - Gate 1 open 26", Gate 2 open 30"
- Cam stated Salmon Lake was 278.0' (approx. full pond)
 - Gate closed, bypass open 15 turns for 1cfs min.
- Dick stated Snow Pond was 235.2' (approx. 2.9" below full pond)

- **Lake Levels Strategy Discussion:**

- Anticipated to receive 1.75" over the next 10 days. Continue to monitor and prepare for rainfall as forecasted to maintain water levels at or near full pond.

- **New Maintenance:**

- No new maintenance items to discuss.

- **Old Business:**

- Salmon Lake gate is operating stiff – stiff on opening and squealing close:
 - Cam to continue to assess after greasing by Steve Liberty.
- Village Dam Concrete Remediation:
 - Craig reported that the two options for a cofferdam have fallen through. We are in need of a cofferdam so that we do not have to lower water levels by the requested 3' for the dam repair. Dick and Garrett to contact other known companies that work with cofferdams to see if an option can be found.

- The Dams Committee still prefers the cofferdam over lowering the water levels.
- Length of cofferdam would be approx. 100' or less with 8-9' of depth.
- Meet with KVEMA Jason Decker at the Village Dam:
 - Art has left KVEMA. Jason Decker is the interim contact but Dick has been unable to make contact. Will continue to pursue for potential funding options.
- Schedule Dams walk-throughs with new members – Lorna, El and Mike:
 - Dick will schedule walk-throughs for an upcoming Friday. Email to follow.
- Wing's Mill gate 1 repair:
 - Dick and Tom see no issues but plan to meet and discuss next steps with Steve Liberty.
- 2023 Proposed Dams Budget Updates:
 - Mt. Vernon voted unanimously to approve the dam repair budget. All funding acquired for Village dam repair.
- **New Business:**
 - No new business
- **Next Meeting:**
 - Scheduled for Monday, August 14th, 4pm at the Belgrade Town Office.
- **Meeting Adjournment & Post-Meeting Discussion**
 - Mike made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Ted. All in favor. Adjourned 4:30pm.
 - East Pond Update:
 - East Pond is interested in any contacts we obtain for cofferdam options. East Pond anticipates needing a cofferdam for potential upcoming maintenance. Noted approx. 2.5yr turnover time for water in East Pond. Need to hold onto water as much as practical.
 - Water levels at 6" from top of boards and net is removed at dam currently for Curly Leaf Pond Weed. Net still in-place near Sunset Camps.
 - 7 Lakes is still pulling Curly Leaf Pond Weed currently.