

**BELGRADE AREA DAMS COMMITTEE**  
**February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023 @ 4:00 PM, Belgrade Town Office**

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

*Guests: Hans Rasmussen (Code Enforcement)*

*Ed & Eddie Cornwall (East Pond)*

*Don Schassberger (North Pond)*

- **Meeting Commencement:**

- Meeting called to order by Dick at 4:00pm.

- **Previous Meeting Minutes:**

- Tom made a motion to accept January minutes, 2nd by Ted. All in favor.

- **Current Dams Levels:**

- Dick stated Great Pond was 246.5' (approx. 14.5" below full pond)
  - Tom stated Long Pond was 237.2' (approx. 11.5" below full pond)
  - Dick stated Salmon Lake was 277.0' (approx. 12" below full pond)
  - Dick stated Snow Pond was 235.3' (approx. 1.6" below full pond)

- **Lake Levels Strategy Discussion:**

- Maintain existing water levels as best as practical

- **New Maintenance:**

- None reported.

- **Old Business:**

- Salmon Lake By-Pass Pipe:
    - Using gate so as to keep bottom of the gate from freezing before spring.
  - Village Dam Concrete Remediation:
    - Spoke with the town of Rome earlier this week and reported results thus far.
    - Dick contacted the following agencies and received the following responses:
      - Army Corp – Does not have jurisdiction (private dam).
      - Maine Emergency Management Association – No grant options, but low interest loans available if desired.
      - Kennebec County Emergency Management – All ARPA funds have been allocated and an abundance of other applications.
      - Jared Golden's Office – FEMA not applicable. Provided other contact, but no results or path forward.

- Salmon Lake Dam Traffic Mirror:
  - Awaiting install – expected in the near-term.
- Signage for Ice Thickness:
  - Belgrade has warning on town sign for watching ice thickness.
  - Signs will be posted in March for general awareness.
- Discussions with Guests – nearby dams:
  - There was a question about monitoring water levels. Dick described our systems and recent system installed at Salmon Lake Dam and the required cell phone data plan and server to use the system.
  - Dick described the Inter-local Agreement as well.
  - After meeting discussion - Nearby dams are having issues with Curly-Leaf Pondweed and were interested in the screen we use at Salmon Dam and also interested in any approach/insight we might see. New England Mil-foil and 7-Lakes Alliance have been assisting with hand removal. Dick proposed a site-visit with Steve Liberty for meeting on-site to discuss options.
- **New Business:**
  - None reported.
- **Next Meeting:**
  - Scheduled for Monday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 4pm at the Belgrade Town Office.  
Note one-week delay from usual schedule due to holiday.
- **Meeting Adjournment**