

BELGRADE AREA DAMS COMMITTEE
March 14th, 2022 @ 4:00 PM, Belgrade Town Office

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

Guests: Bruce Trumper, Ella Bowman

- **Meeting Commencement:**
 - Meeting called to order by Dick at 4:00pm.
- **Previous Meeting Minutes:**
 - Tom made a motion to accept the February minutes with a 2nd by Craig. All in favor.
- **Current Dams Levels:**
 - Craig stated Great Pond was 246.3' (approx. 16" below full pond)
 - Tom stated Long Pond was 237.0' (approx. 13" below full pond)
 - Cameron stated Salmon Lake was 277.3' (approx. 8" below full pond)
 - Dick stated Snow Pond was 234.95' (approx. 5.4" below full pond)
- **New Maintenance:**
 - Great Pond Village Dam concrete shows deterioration and continues spalling on upstream face of dam. This will need to be assessed this summer for repair.
 - Salmon Lake Dam re-installation of the temporary fix for the cables is holding.
 - New report for March indicates observed deterioration on the side rails of the gate.
 - Long Pond Wings Mill Dam – nothing new to report.
- **Lake Levels Strategy Discussion:**
 - Dick will find and send information from DEP on timeline for bringing up lake levels.
 - *Post-meeting Dick provided this and levels can begin to rise gradually April 1st.*
 - With early spring melt and warmer temperatures, the dam operators will continue to monitor weather and coordinate to begin raising water levels at the appropriate time.
- **Old Business:**
 - Salmon Lake Dam maintenance and temporary repair update:
 - From discussions with Steve Liberty, and concurrent with the assessment at the February meeting, the dam needs a structural rebuild.
 - Reinstallation of the temporary fix for the dam is holding.
 - Cofferdam boards/beams are still missing and likely need to be replaced.
 - Salmon Lake Dam downstream beaver dam status:

- Bruce Trumper, the homeowner nearest to the beaver dam, noted unfamiliar vehicles and people on his property accessing the beaver dam and asked that permission to access the beaver dam be requested in the future prior to visiting the site.
- Bruce requested that trapping stop immediately as he is not in favor of kill trapping. No-kill traps may be an option, but Bruce would like to pursue alternative methods first. Ted noted he will contact the trapper immediately for removal of the traps.
- Bruce indicated that he intends to pursue a culvert option to bypass the dam. This would consist of deconstructing sections of the dam and installing several small diameter culverts. The dams committee has concerns of the effectiveness with small diameter drains.
- Village Dam CMP power repair status:
 - Bill of ~\$460 anticipated from Generators of Maine, but has not yet been received. Craig has an informal copy via email and will pursue payment with Dick and the town.
- **New Business:**
 - Snowmobile Trail Warnings:
 - Craig noted that signs have been posted regarding the warning for caution around the dams through the process of spring ice and water level changes. These are posted on community boards, trail heads and with the towns.
 - Ice thickness - ~2' of ice reported at the time of this meeting.
 - Town warrant articles:
 - Belgrade warrant articles have passed.
 - Rome warrant articles have passed.
 - Oakland expected May 3rd.
- **Next Meeting:**
 - Scheduled for Monday, April 11th, 4pm at the Belgrade Town Office.
- **Meeting Adjournment:**
 - Blaine made a motion to adjourn with a 2nd by Cam. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 4:35pm from the town office.