

BELGRADE AREA DAMS COMMITTEE
MEETING March 20, 2017 @ 4:00 PM

Attending were: Chmn. Doug McCafferty, Tim Comeford, Craig Alexander, Selectman Mike Barrett and Secretary Dick Greenan.

Meeting called to order by Chairman, Doug McCafferty at 4:03pm at the Belgrade Town office.

1. Doug made a motion to accept the February 2017 minutes with a 2nd by Craig. With no changes suggested, minutes unanimously approved.

2. Regarding current Dams levels: Doug stated Salmon was 277.9 or 1/10" below full and will try to keep the pond down to 2/10-3/10" for the foreseeable future. Tim stated GP was currently 17" below full with Gate 1 just closed 6" down to 1.5'. Dick stated Wings Mill was 24.6" below full with Gate 1 opened 3' and Gate 2 opened 2.5'.

3. Dick presented the 2017 long term precipitation forecast which was almost identical to last summer and falls' actual. Doug suggested an interim strategy of keeping the ponds at 3" below full after ice out which was unanimously approved.

4. Doug asked for an update on required maintenance. Dick stated that he had reached out to 2 DOT recommended engineers for assistance with the Village dam leakage and presented a site inspection quote from Kleinschmidt for \$3500. Tim stated that Dan Spaulding Engineering performed the last repair approx. 8 yrs ago and is now scheduled to come back this Spring after the snow is gone. Tim to reach out to Spaulding to expedite their quote prior to the Selectboard's April 4th meeting. Mike stated that the Selectboard will need to approve the quote most likely at their April 4th meeting so the Spaulding quote would be required by then for an email vote on the two competing quotes. Dick to contact Kleinschmidt with the possibility that the proposed April 26th site visit may have to be rescheduled due to obtaining Selectboard approval. Tim will report back asap regarding Spaulding.

5. Doug reminded the committee of a financing option from Maine Emergency Mgmt. regarding a potential low interest loan up to \$100K for the Village dam remediation. The option to be explored as remediation efforts progress.

6. Craig recommended keeping a reserve for the April 1st fishing opening day so we can have adequate flows at all dams. Unanimously approved.
7. Mike suggested that Craig attend tomorrow's Belgrade Selectboard meeting at 6:30p when his next term is up for discussion.
8. The next Dams Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 17th @ 4pm.
9. Dick made a motion to adjourn with a 2nd by Tim. Unanimously confirmed. Meeting adjourned at 4:45pm.