

**BELGRADE AREA DAMS COMMITTEE**  
**November 5, 2018 @ 4:00 PM**

Attending were: Chmn. Doug McCafferty, Tim Comeford, Craig Alexander, Jack Schultz, Tom Bennett, Town Manager Dennis Keschl, Selectman Mike Barrett and Secretary Dick Greenan.

Meeting called to order by Chmn. Doug McCafferty at 4:00p at the Belgrade Town Office.

1. Dick made a motion to accept the October 15th, 2018 minutes with a 2nd by Doug. With no changes/additions suggested, minutes unanimously approved.

2. Regarding current Dams levels: Doug stated Salmon was at 276.7 or approximately 17” below full pond. Tim stated GP was 16.2” below full with Gate 1 opened 4’. Dick stated Wings Mill was 21.6” below full with Gate 1 opened 4’ as well.

3. Regarding strategy, Doug proposed that the Committee would try to maintain Great and Long Ponds at the seasonal 18” minimum levels for the foreseeable future. And to maintain Salmon at its Winter storage 12” below full. Unanimously approved.

4. Regarding Maintenance:

a. Tim stated that the Village Dam has received its winter lubrication.

b. Tim stated that there was a granite block from the Village Dam South retaining wall that is in danger of falling into the water. A motion was made by Doug with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom for Tim to proceed with local contractors for its repair/replacement, most likely requiring a small excavator. Unanimously approved. *(Since the meeting, Dick has requested Steve Liberty to visit the site in the morning for an assessment as he does have an excavator).*

c. The WM parking lot erosion problem remains unresolved due to staff availability. Steve Liberty to provide a quote for remediation.

d. Tim looked for direction regarding removal of a wood homemade ladder downstream from the Village Dam. The Committee decided that it is a potential hazard and authorized Craig to remove it.

5. Regarding the WM ‘Permanent’ remediation:

a. Dick presented an update on the temporary work as completed on 10/30/18.

b. Dick made a motion with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Craig to contract with Steve Liberty to perform 3 inspections of the Wings Mill Dam crib structure prior to proceeding with the bid process. Each crib inspection was estimated to be around \$1500. Dick to visit the site with Steve for a specific quote. Unanimously approved.

6. Denny further discussed the WM dam 8cfs flow mandate as possibly being outdated and unnecessary as there is no longer an Oakland Sewage discharge mandating such flow. Following a discussion with Colby College's Whitney King and on behalf of the Committee, Denny to draft a letter to the Town of Oakland, Essex Hydro, et. al. for cessation of the 8cfs mandate.
  
7. Craig questioned why the Committee proceeded with only a \$40,000 request of the Towns for the 2019 budget while we are anticipating a \$200,000 remediation project. After much discussion and Tim's percentage/portion analysis, and the possibility of spacing the remediation over a 2-3 year period, a motion was made by Dick with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Craig to request \$80,000 for the 2019 Dams budget with \$20,000 going towards Maintenance and \$60,000 going towards the Wings Mill 'permanent' remediation. Unanimously approved. Doug to update the 2019 Town(s) Dams Budget Proposal accordingly.
  
8. Doug stated that on 10/28/18 he sent a letter to Mt. Vernon's Selectman Paul Crockett regarding Mt. Vernon's residents' interest in participating on the Dams Committee along with the respective financial support.
  
9. Tim suggested that a similar letter be drafted for Sidney as well. Will require further discussion.
  
10. Next regular monthly meeting scheduled for Monday, December 10th at 4pm.
  
11. The meeting was adjourned at 4:58pm.