



Selectmen's Meeting

August 24, 2016
Bristol Town Office

Special Meeting: Bristol Mills Dam and Fish Ladder

Present: *Chad Hanna, Terry Lowd, Paul Yates*

Also present: *Claire Enterline, Paul Leeman, Joe McLean, Slade Moore, Rick Poland, Maia Zewart*

Discussion about Bristol Mills Dam, fish ladder and providing adequate water for firefighting.

Slade addressed grant-related issues noting that funding for fish ladders is shrinking. Funding for dam removal is getting more attention from funding agencies. Removing a dam is always more effective than construction of a fish ladder relative to fish passage. Long-term operating costs for a fish ladder should also be considered.

Dam removal would have an impact on the water levels of Biscay Lake and Pemaquid Pond and the swimming hole. Steps would need to be taken to ensure adequate water supply for firefighting.

The decision was made to continue with the grouting project.

Slade will investigate funding for a possible feasibility study.

Adjourned.