

## **Bristol Mills Dam ad hoc Advisory Committee**

Minutes of Meeting Tuesday, January 9, 2018

Bristol Town Office

Committee members present: James Albright, Pam Allen, Phil Averill, Bill Benner, Claire Enterline, Chuck Farrell, James Hatch, Abby Ingraham

Absent: John Freburger

Also present: R. Bizarro, C. Hall, R. Poland

The meeting was called to order by chair Enterline at 6:06 pm with a quorum present, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

### Minutes/Agenda

A motion to accept the minutes of 12/5 was seconded and passed with one abstention.

Enterline thanked everyone for their dedication and time through the past year. She also thanked Joe McLean and his team from Wright-Pierce for their services.

### Review of Final Draft of Feasibility Study

Albright noted that cost analyses of dam repair and eel passage construction found in the appendix of a document titled "Bristol Mills Dam Advisory Ad-Hoc Committee" had more than doubled in two years when compared with the cost analyses of dam repair and eel passage construction in the final draft of the feasibility study. The costs found in the appendix were believed to be quotes given by Wright-Pierce in 2015.

It was noted that \$25K had already been spent on dam repair. Enterline will ask Wright-Pierce about the numbers.

It was noted that the Intro, Glossary and Fishway Design Summary was not included in the final binded report. Enterline will ask Wright-Pierce if they can make four more final report binders that include the Intro, Glossary and Summary.

Farrell questioned if it was okay to added non Wright-Pierce information to a document written and produced by them.

Farrell asked if the Feasibility Study was a living document. Enterline thought the Feasibility Study is a "dead" document but the BDAC Committee Binder would be considered a "living" document.

There was discussion of costs. It was thought that costs would become more concrete as the project developed.

There was clarification of the location of water level adjustments if the dam was removed. These structures can be located on the upstream side of the Stone Arch Bridge.

### Review of Changes Requested From First Draft

Intro – The ownership of the dam and fishway was corrected to the Town of Bristol. A DMR lease with the town lapsed in 2004, giving the town ownership.

Section 2.3.3 – A description of the grout work done in the fall of 2016 was added.

Section 3 – Wording was added to clarify the three distinct sections of the river from Biscay pond outlet to the dam. Photos were added in Appendix F which is referenced in this section.

Section 4 – Definitions of hydrology and hydraulics were added.

Section 5 – (Option A) A paragraph regarding the addition of a second Denil fishway and eel passage for both Denil fishways was added. Discussion ensued about the return of spawning adults and juveniles. Enterline will contact Mike Brown, DMR for further information.

(Option B) The title of this section was replaced with “nature-like fishway & natural water control”. Wording about the Ellingwood Park design as the preferred option of BFR was removed.

Section 6 – Wording was added to clarify ISO insurance ratings.

Section 8 – A summary table was added comparing a breakdown of costs over time for all three options.

All sections had corrections for typos.

#### Public Informational Meeting

The committee discussed how the meeting would be run. All agreed a facilitator was a good idea. Chad Hanna will be asked to fill this position. Averill will gather visual information documents to display at the meeting. Handouts of the Feasibility Study Introduction and the Fishway Design Summary will be made available. Ingraham will look into recording the meeting for LCTV.

Benner stated he would write a ‘letter to the editor’ inviting public attendance.

#### Miscellaneous

Enterline has been invited to a Bristol Lion’s Club meeting on February 5. She invited other committee members to join her.

Adjournment: 8:10 pm, the final meeting to be held Tuesday, January 30, 2018 from 7pm – 8:30pm at the Bristol Consolidated School Gymnasium.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rachel Bizarro