

**Fish Committee  
Minutes  
Bristol Town Hall  
Dec 10, 2010**

Committee Members Present: Tyler Cheney, Jay Crooker, Marvin Farrin, Rick Poland  
Also Present: Chris Hall (Town Administrator), Chad Hanna (Chairman, Board of Selectmen)

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm.

Discussion of dates for next meetings: Jay Crooker will request that the town place meeting notices for the first Thursday of the month for January through June. Times TBD (likely 6pm). Next meeting is on January 7th.

**Fish Ladder Progress**

- Rick reports that many of the weir stones are in place and the construction on the weir stones for the bottom three pools is nearing completion. With the water levels rising and cold weather setting in, these should be completed as soon as possible.
- Rick indicated he will need help with the boards at the top of the ladder.
- Discussion of possible issues at the entrance to the ladder, with possible erosion when water is allowed to pass through the ladder. This is similar to the stones placed at the plunge pool exit, where Rick has placed many medium-sized stones to prevent erosion of the clay bottom (concern is about eroding the base of the plunge pool masonry).
- The plan is to put the old metal gate back in at the top (exit) of the ladder.

**Fundraising**

- Chris Hall reported that thus far \$84,000 has been raised with another \$10k pledged recently, and another call this morning with another possible large donation. Also discussion of possible matching grants that are being researched.
- Discussion regarding what the funds raised will be allocated to:
  - finishing the fish ladder (stonework above water level, capping the stonework)
  - foot bridge across the dam
  - a park
  - dipping pool (added by Rick)
- when discussing the dipping pool, Chad Hanna recommended that the Committee investigate both the feasibility and possible regulations regarding harvesting at the top of the ladder. Jay Crooker said he will follow up with Mike Brown (Maine DMR), since he would also be checking with him about fish count data that had been submitted for the 2020 run.
- Chris Hall will send a list of people to Allison that had been contacted already regarding donations, so that the Committee does not "double ask" possible contributors.
- Chad Hanna and Chris Hall suggested that the Committee request additional funds (beyond the normally-allocated \$1,000) from the Town in the next Budget.

MOTION by Jay Crooker to request \$2,500 from Selectmen in the upcoming Budget. This request will be allocated to unforeseen costs associated with fundraising and other operating

costs.

Motion was seconded, and then approved by a 4-0 vote.

### **Other Business**

- Chris Hall recommended talking the the Old Bristol Historical Society regarding their renovation plans with the Old Mill, and possible park/walkways along the river
  - Marvin Farrin said he will talk with Bobby Ives and report back next meeting
  - Discussion of whether any changes around the Pemaquid Falls would benefit the alwewife run.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55pm