

# PPOA Emergency Board Meeting Minutes

**August 14<sup>th</sup> 2012; 7:00 pm; Ducharme residence**

**Meeting called to order at:** 7:08 PM

**Attendees:**

**Board Members:** Bob Brooks, Deb Daly, Walter Ducharme Nancy Eichenberger and Dennis Majikas

**Associate:** Brandon Buoniconti

**Resident:** Jim Garrity

**Subject:** Condition of Bems Pond dam

A number of conditions currently exist at the dam that require immediate attention.

- Leakage between boards due to warpage
- Inability to remove all of the boards.
- Debris between boards causing improper sealing
- Apparent leakage around structure.
- Lack of beaver deterrent at inlet to gate
- Safety aspect of removing and replacing boards

Considerable discussion took place about the condition and recommended solutions.

Jim Garrity will continue to attempt to remove debris until September 1<sup>st</sup> at which time the weed treatment will be complete. He will then remove additional boards (which do not have eyebolts) in order to remove remainder of debris at the base.

In the interim, Nancy Eichenberger will seek advice from the firm of Rodney and Hunt which are producers of various sluice gate valve systems. The company only supplies materials. We then would require bids from three contractors and select one for construction. Material costs could range from \$5,000 to \$10,000.

Nancy will seek out a trapper to remove beavers in season.

Additional discussion is required for the erection of a beaver deceiver. These devices have been successfully utilized by the DPW around various ponds in town. The cost ranges from \$1,200 to \$1,500 depending on design configuration.

There are currently insufficient funds available to cover the costs of repairs without liquidating some investments. If timing is correct, income from the sale of the barn could be utilized.

Attention to the dam is a priority at this time. The pond is key to our association and is a major factor in real estate values.

Walter Ducharme made motion to proceed with the necessary expenditures to upgrade and make safe Bems pond. The motion was seconded by Dennis Majikus and the vote was unanimous.

**Meeting adjourned at: 8:02 PM**

**Respectfully submitted,**

*Walter J. Ducharme* substituting for Clerk Sherry Buoniconti.