

Mill Brook Watershed Management Committee

10/5/26 minutes, approved 10/26

Present:

Bill Wilcox, David Bouck, Julie Pringle, Angela Luckey, Tim Boland, Prudy Burt

Absent:

Kristen Geagan, Cindy Mitchell

Draft minutes of our 9/21/26 meeting were approved, all in favor (Bill-aye; David-aye; Julie-aye; Angela-aye; Tim-aye; Prudy-aye).

Entomologist Greg Whitmore's report: Greg is finishing up his report and has been in touch about a few follow up questions - sized of man made impoundments on the Tiasquam, any known issues with culverts or condition of dams, or pollution impacts. David has already shared all of our stream temperature data, and Prudy has forwarded fisheries biologist Steve Hurley's report on the 2024 fish survey to Greg. Prudy will contact Chris Seidel at MVC to map all the impoundments and determine the sizes of each.

Next steps on creation of artistic renderings: In consultation with the selectboard, we will apply for funds from the Edey Foundation when they issue their request for proposals in mid January; decisions about awards are generally made in mid/late March. Prudy spoke with the town accountant, who found that there might be some money remaining in the Wilkinson Ecological contract (for the Mill Pond grey willow removal) that could go back to town meeting next April for approval to repurpose these funds for this purpose.

SMAST lab analyses of Tiasquam water samples: There are several missing results/ data gaps in the final SMAST results. Bill will follow up with SMAST to inquire about a financial credit for these missing samples. We will approve their final invoice at our next meeting.

Members present decided to form a non-quorum working group - consisting of Bill, David, Julie and Prudy - to draft a report of our Tiasquam sampling results, and findings/ conclusions, all in favor (Bill-aye; David-aye; Julie-aye; Angela-aye; Tim-aye; Prudy-aye).

The next meeting will be on October 26 at 5:30 p.m. via zoom