

Mill Brook Watershed Management Committee

September 21, 2026, approved 10/6/26

Present:

Prudy Burt, Julie Pringle, Bill Wilcox, Kristen Geagan, David Bouck

Absent:

Tim Boland, Cindy Mitchell

Draft minutes of the 8/17/26 meeting were approved, all in favor (Prudy-aye, Julie-aye; Bill-aye; Kristen-aye; David-aye).

Prudy reported that the Land Protection Fund met the previous week, and determined that our application for funding was not within their mission statement. Prudy spoke with town accountant about next steps; some money remains in our contract with Wilkinson Ecological (grey willow removal at Mill Pond) that would need to go back to annual town meeting to be re-purposed- to pay Horsley Witten to develop artistic renderings as requested by the public and to attend a public informational meeting (CPC has already determined that CPC funds cannot be used for this). Currently, we are \$1,660 ahead in this contract, beyond the \$4,340 dedicated to follow up plant management as allowed in the contract.

Members present discussed asking Sheriff's Meadow Foundation to contribute to this effort as they own one of the properties that will be included in planning efforts to increase public access and enjoyment of this area; Kristen will speak with the executive director about this. While it is our understanding that only non-profits can apply for Edey Foundation funds, Prudy will contact them to ask if town committees are eligible for those funds. Prudy will also reach out to Bridget Gonzales about other possible grant funding sources.

Tiasquam water quality sampling: Bill got the 2026 lab results back from Umass/Dartmouth. Results show that the high phosphorus results found at site #3 are a result of nearby activity; test results from further up this tributary are low and consistent with phosphorus results from all other sampling stations.

Our next meeting will be 10/5/26 at 5:30 p.m. via zoom
Submitted by Prudy Burt