

**Cedar Meadow Lake Watershed District  
Minutes of Management Committee Meeting  
October 20, 2010**

The meeting commenced at 7:35 P.M. at 1 Maple Glen Lane, Leicester.

In attendance: Tommy Lee  
Wayne Ridley  
Richard Johnston, Clerk

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Previously distributed Minutes of the Management Committee meetings on September 15, 2010 were offered for approval. A motion was made, seconded and voted unanimously to accept these Minutes as written.

Clerk's Report

Mr. Johnston reported the following correspondence and communications since the last Management Committee meeting:

- Burncoat Pond newsletter
- Five contributions from Friends of CML
- 9/22 invoice from DeSimone
- 9/30 - 87 newsletters to members
- 9/30 - 36 newsletters and solicitation letters to contributing Friends
- 10/1 - 46 letters to Friends that have not previously contributed
- 10/5 - Letters to John McKenna, and Fran LeBeau, Commerce Bank
- 10/20 - Five thank you notes to Friends contributors

Treasurer's Report

Mr. O'Coin was unable to attend the meeting due to illness but sent a Treasurer's Report dated 10/20/2010 which showed that the District had \$8,665.96 on deposit at the Spencer Savings Bank and Commerce Bank. He also sought and received approval of Warrant Number 144.

The Treasurer's Report and Warrant showed payments of \$1,810.47 and \$3,842.38 to SEA Consultants and O'Connor Real Estate Associates, respectively, representing approximately one-half of the remaining balance owed these expert trial witnesses.

Old Business

Dam Leakage:

Mr. Johnston reported that the leak discovered earlier in the year that exited the dam structure next to the former low level outlet channel was dramatically reduced when the water levels in the lake dropped down just 12 inches. He speculated that water was flowing over an internal structure and that, once the water level dropped below the height of this structure, water flow stopped.

Arrangements have been made for R. H. White Construction and its sub-contractors to devote one day in mid-December to drilling down from the crest into the dam to insert pipes to be used to apply grout under pressure along the back side of the upstream vertical wall of the dam. It has been concluded that the leaks in the dam originate through the upstream vertical wall and below the lake bottom. Accumulated sediment has built up next to the dam wall preventing the application of grout to the waterside surface of the dam. The drilling contractor will attempt to

drill down approximately 20 feet at several locations where the pressure grouting contractor will insert concrete under pressure to fill voids in the interior structure of the dam to stop water from flowing through the dam.

#### Draw Down Update:

Mr. Johnston reported that he fully opened the low level outlet on October 10 to start the annual draw down. This coincided with the start of the annual draw down at Burncoat Pond and an extraordinary amount of rain. The water level in the lake increased approximately 14 inches to the spillway elevation in just a few days. It was necessary to removed the flash boards on October 16. By October 20, the water level had dropped 8 inches.

#### Tax Classification Hearing:

Mr. Johnston had previously telephoned and e-mailed the Massachusetts Department of Revenue seeking to forego annual Tax Classification hearings because, now that the Green Mountain Club was tax exempt, all taxable property in the District was classified as residential property. An attorney in DOR's legal department called to advise that annual Tax Classification hearings are required by statute.

#### Line of Credit Application:

Mr. Johnston shared a letter to John McKenna, Senior Lending Officer of Commerce Bank, asking that the bank reconsider its position with respect to the need for audited FY10 financial statements as a prerequisite to loan approval. In this letter he pointed out that such statements will not be available until December or January, thus defeating the purpose of the operating budget line-of-credit. A response is expected soon.

#### Friends of Cedar Meadow Lake:

Eighty-two letters were sent seeking voluntary contributions from the non-abutter families that have access to the lake through the community beaches and other neighbors that enjoy lake views. To date, five responses have been received with contributions totaling \$145.

#### Officers and Directors Insurance:

There has not been any progress on this matter since the last meeting.

#### Ice Fishing Derby:

Jeremy Lloyd, who resides at 1 Lakeview Drive, previously proposed an ice fishing derby as a means of raising funds to defray the operating costs of the District. Members of the Management Committee expressed concerns regarding parking and access to the lake. Subsequent conversations with Jeremy revealed his neighbors and, he speculated, many other members would allow fishermen to park on, and gain access to the lake through, their property. Jeremy also reported that District member Shane Schimke held ice fishing derbies at Greenville Pond to benefit the family of a deceased friend and raised \$20,000 over the last two years. With this additional information, the Management Committee agreed to sponsor an ice fishing derby. Mr. Ridley agreed to contact Jeremy and Shane to get the process started.

#### New Business

None

Executive Session

The meeting was recessed to hold an executive session to discuss pending legal matters.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Management Committee will be held at 1 Maple Glen Lane at 7:30 P.M. on Wednesday November 10, 2010.

Adjournment

A motion was made, seconded and voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 P.M..

A True Copy Attested:

Richard D. Johnston  
District Clerk