

Hazard Mitigation Committee Minute
March 16, 2017

Present – Bram Towbin, Yoko Kishishita, Theresa Bienz, George Springston, Dan Gadd, Michael Billingsley

Visitors – Amos Meacham, Rob Bridges, Roman Kokodyniak, Roseanne Scotta, Ian Maas

1. Theresa moved, George 2nd – to approve February Minutes as Amended. (Added by Theresa – to ask GMP to redesign and replace walkway railing so it does not block emergency spillway gate)

2. Proposed – **“The Committee will elect its officers for the coming year at its first regular meeting after the annual Plainfield Town Meeting in March.”**

– George nominates Amos as Chair of the committee – 2nd Theresa – unanimous

– Dan nominates Michael as Secretary of the committee – George seconds – unanimous

3. Reading of letter from Eric Vorwald of CVRPC inviting proposals to High Meadows Fund and I made a quick response about debris-catching fields and if they assist in bank stabilisation.

Bram outlines how the slopes are eroding and collapsing above the Rec Field Road – attempts to submit a grant to ERP of Environmental Conservation failed for technical reasons, and now they have been urged to resubmit the grant proposal.

McLaren Farm pond disappeared, replaced by marsh then wet pasture.

Trash racks are potentially a high priority to investigate. George suggests emphasis upon forestry practices in the upper part of the watershed, to determine what conservation practices in the soil management and forest preservation will help control sedimentation.

Accepted Management Practices (for forests) from Department of Environmental Conservation – they are not followed and the elderly landowners are ripped off by pushing clear-cut, taking wood and leaving the landowner to take the penalties.

4 – George Springston – illustrated history of the Great Brook flooding. Much discussion and interest.

5 – Adjourn – 8:05 p.m.