

**MINUTES** of meeting, May 11, 2016

Board Room, Department of Public Works (DPW), 20 Municipal Way

Present: Diane Campbell, chair; David Wright, vice chair; members Paul Criswell, Kurt Somerville and Raina McManus; Peter Jackson, project manager; Town staff Dave Hickey and Brandon Schmitt.

The chair called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m.

**Departing member:** David Wright announced that he will be leaving the committee around mid-summer, when he and his wife move to New Jersey. MOVED Paul, SECONDED Diane to wish them well with their move and future. PASSED unanimously.

**Minutes:** Draft minutes of the meeting of April 6, 2016 had been distributed previously, including suggested revisions by Peter Jackson. MOVED Paul, SECONDED Raina to approve the revised version of the minutes. PASSED unanimously.

**Construction report:** Peter Jackson said that work was currently focused on the stream between Grove and Cottage Streets, although there is also some loaming and seeding taking place in disturbed areas near the Skating Pond and 41 Rice Street. The stream bank is being built up with stair-like soil lifts, degradable fabric, and dormant plant stakes. Concrete liners are being removed from the stream by a loader with a scissor attachment. Root logs have been inserted in the stream bank to create turbulence and habitat for wildlife. Near Dover Street, logs on one side and boulders on the other control flow through a narrow, steep-sided section of the stream. Plastic sheeting has been applied at that site to control knotweed.

**Interpretive signs:** Peter showed revised versions of the two signs required by the Section 319 grant, describing stormwater management and stream relocation respectively. Members agreed the signs were much improved from previous drafts, in content and design. MOVED David, SECONDED Paul to approve manufacture and installation of the signs. PASSED unanimously.

**Footbridge restoration:** The four wood-decked bridges across the stream suffer from deterioration in their decks, concrete abutments, and girder bearings. Members discussed the project's financial resources, its charge from Town Meeting, and the ability of other Town entities such as DPW to work on bridges, and concluded that the project had the means and the authorization to proceed with some repairs. MOVED Paul, SECONDED Raina to authorize spending \$69,433 of project funds to rehabilitate three bridges.

**Stream work restrictions:** With permission from the Wetlands Protection Commission (WPC), work in the stream has continued during the fish migration season. The fish are able to move in clear water behind the sedimentation fence or coffer dams. After the restriction period ends on June 15, the streambed may be blocked entirely and the water pumped around the work area.

**Student cleanup project:** Brandon reported that a teacher at Dana Hall School is organizing students for a Saturday clean-up event in the park, and Peter is advising them on which areas need attention.

**Next meeting:** The next meeting of FBPC will take place at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 15, 2016 in the Board Room of the Department of Public Works, 20 Municipal Way.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:06 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
David Wright, Vice Chair