

**Mayo Mill Dam Feasibility Study
Steering Committee Meeting Minutes
August 15, 2023**

Attending (15): Tom Lizotte, Chris Maas, Cindy Freeman Cyr, Norton True, Denise Buzzelli, Jack Clukey, Alsina Brenenstuhl, Maranda Nemeth, Eileen Bader Hall, Mike Burke, Lucy Van Hook, Bill & Heidi Erspamer, Marguerite L. Weymouth, James Castanguay

Call to Order: 6:00 pm

Minutes:

- Before the meeting – the group toured the Mayo Mill powerhouse led by Mike Burke
- Discussion of Farmington Field trip August 18th – meeting with Matt Foster (Farmington Parks & Rec Director), Alan Haberstock (wetland scientist)
- Consensus on Thursday, September 21st, 5:30 for the next meeting at the town office.
- Mike Burke presented an overview of the project phase to the committee.
- Lucy facilitated the committee to discuss their top three options from the matrix provided at the last meeting.
- Committee voted on the 5 alternatives to learn more about in the feasibility study and to continue to discuss the top criteria including costs both upfront and long-term, flooding and water levels, water levels and impacts to facilities, aesthetics, recreation, and fish passage.

Comments:

Tom: #1 Criteria is maintaining at least some of the impoundment – aesthetics and public recreation/access of the impoundment. I am looking at flood mitigation because the dam currently worsens floods.

Denise: What is good for the fish, good for the wallet, and good for the community? “I wasn’t ready to share choices yet. Concerns for ripple effects upstream.”

Cindy: Wanting more information and an understanding of what the options may look like. Anxious about the field trip to Farmington and honoring what it was like before colonialism.

Chris: Top of the list for me are net costs to the town, construction costs and grant probability.

Norton: Hydropower is never going to work in this town. We need to remove the powerhouse. Concerns about impoundment levels.

Jack: Are we locked into lowering the dam five feet, or can it be 2 to 3 feet instead?

Communications and Outreach Action Items:

- Alsina – Organize field trip logistics from the D-F side
- Maranda/Eileen – Connect with Farmington for the field trip
- Steering Committee – Have fun on the field trip!

Next Meeting: Scheduled for Thursday, September 21st, 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Adjournment: 7:30 pm

Submitted by: Alsina Brenenstuhl

Date: 9/15/2023