

Bullough's Pond Dam Project Meeting December 15, 2022

Attendees: - Shawna Sullivan, Lou Taverna, Terry Crowley, Councilors Norton and Malakie, Kathleen Kouril Grieser, Jennifer Bentley, Jim Nickerson, and Lee Wooten

Lou Taverna welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Lee Wooten presented the dam rehabilitation options to the group with some explanation for each of the four options.

The meeting was opened for comments and discussion.

Kathleen thanked GEI for presenting some good options and noted that #2 and #1 appear to be the best options, with #2 being favored. Kathleen asked for renderings for 1 and 2, specifically from all sides of the pond. She thought options #3 and #4 are nonstarters for the Bulloughs Pond Association. She also noted that we held a kickoff meeting in March and some field work in May. She was able to observe some of this and shared with members of the association. What has happened between May and now? Lou confirmed that the models were time consuming, and things were being done on the engineering front (in the office) and not field work. Additionally, the hydraulic analysis is still in draft form and will be shared more broadly once completed.

Kathleen also asked about the possibility of dredging the pond, as well as will the top of the sheet pile wall be fieldstone? Kathleen reiterated to the group that the association would like the dam to be as natural as possible. Lee indicated that there is very little sediment within the pond, according to the soil probes made in May, and that dredging may not help in meeting the DEP requirements. Lou indicated that the sheet pile would terminate below the road surface, and it would be capped by concrete and granite curb embedded in the concrete.

Shawna will get clarification re: dredging from the mayor as it is not in the scope of the dam project.

Councilor Malakie asked about replacing curbing, Lou responded that concrete curbing will be discarded, and granite curbing will be installed, within the project scope area.

Next Steps: Evaluate the feedback, rank the options, and present the ranked options with cost estimates at next meeting in late January/ early February 2023.