

Skating Pond Committee

Meeting Minutes

May 17, 2005

Attendees: Chairman Dave Monroe, Don Guenther, Tim Larkin, George Frick, Simone Howe, Marc Andrews, and Brian Curtis.

Meeting called to order by Dave Monroe at the pond site on Route 68 at 6:30 p.m.

We were introduced to Brian Curtis, an engineer who works with the town. The committee then proceeded to walk the perimeter of the pond with Mr. Curtis and filled him in on what has already been discussed, pointing out the deterioration of the berm in the western most corners of the pond and the excessive flow of water across the pond to the culvert going under Route 68.

Mr. Curtis clarified for us the fact that in order to incur the least amount of permits/paperwork, our plans for repairs would have to be limited to a 5,000 sq. ft. so called "foot print" in order to stay within Federal guidelines for wetland areas. With this in mind, the committee again discussed the best course of action with Mr. Curtis including the simple repair of the broached berms and a weir by the culvert to control flood levels in the pond. Mr. Curtis agreed that we were on the right track. He also offered to talk to the Regional DOT to get a history on the pond as well as to ask about extending the guardrails eastward down Route 68 and into the parking area for safety purposes.

Finally, Mr. Curtis advised that once we get a firm estimate on the amount of soil needed for repairs then we should begin to put our plans on topographical maps. Subsequently, we would be able to approach the appropriate Town agencies for their approval and necessary permits.

After adjourning to the Library to complete our meeting, the committee reiterated the desire to spruce up the area with possible steps to the pond, built with the help of the boy scouts, adding benches around the perimeter, and contacting Mr. Planeta about updating the lighting.

Chairman Monroe recommended the meeting adjourn at 7:30 p.m. and the rest of the committee seconded.

The next meeting of the Skating Pond Committee will be held at the Durham Public Library on June 7th at 7:00 p.m. and the public is welcome.

Submitted by:

Tim Larkin

