Pearly Pond Mgmt Plan Steering Committee Meeting

Meeting Minutes: 8/15/2014  2-4 pm

Attendees:
Anne Evans, Catherine Owen Koning, Dick Isakson, Al Columbus, Bob Scribner, Bill Preston, Fred Rogers, June Wallace, Paul Kotila, Ben Lundsted

Discussion of BMPs for reducing goose population:
1. Use of construction fencing (green) along lake edge – encourage for all lakefront owners
2. Border collies:
   • Expensive, but most effective. Work with Lake Monomonac Association to share costs?
   • Must be done continuously throughout the year
   • Is it the breeding population that needs to be reduced, or both the residents and the migratory population that need to go?
3. Reduced mowing and strategic planting – plant shrubs in key access spots for geese, keep grass taller so there is less food for them.
4. Can they be harvested/hunted?
5. If pop is reduced around Pearly, will they just move someplace else?
6. Are these geese migratory, do they fly a long way in winter or just to the nearest open water? Need to call Ted Walski of NH Fish and Game, he has banded some of the geese
7. Need signs to tell people not to feed the geese, and why
8. Need map showing where the geese are located, and suggest specific actions for each place

Next meeting:
We will ask Jane Pitt, Interim Town Administrator for Rindge, and Phil Simeone to attend the next meeting, to focus on review of planning ordinances, stormwater BMPs

JoAnn Carr is planner in Jaffrey, Rebecca will contact her to get relevant ordinance information.

Plan for presentation of Draft Management Plan at Stakeholder meeting in early November