

**Mayo Mill Dam Feasibility Study Steering Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**June 13, 2023**

**Attending (12):** Tom Lizotte, Chris Maas, Cindy Freeman-Cyr, Denise Buzzelli, Norton True, Jack Clukey, Alsina Brenenstuhl, Maranda Nemeth, Eileen Bader-Hall, Mike Burke, Lucy Van Hook, Sandy Perkins, Heidi & Bill Erspamer

**Call to Order:** 5:30 pm

**Minutes:**

- Maranda provided an overview of where we are at this point in the project, providing information to the audience members joining for the first time and refreshing what we've covered for the steering committee members over the past 6 months.
- Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) requires action with the dam going forward. There are also other federal regulatory requirements- Endangered Species Act- a requirement for the fish passage for Atlantic Salmon to move up and downstream has to be effective.
- Fish passage is measured by the efficiency of the number of fish safely and timely moving past the dam.
- Upcoming public forum on June 27<sup>th</sup>, discussions between the project team and steering committee. Items talked about were how the meeting would run and the forum format.
- Debriefing from the public forum via Zoom, June 28<sup>th</sup> for those able to attend.

**Comments:**

Chris Maas: Is Brown's Mill meeting the safe and timely fish 90% passage requirement?

Cindy Freeman: We started this with the idea that we would not consider dam removal, but I don't feel that way anymore.

Jack Clukey: We want a sustainable long-term solution to meet the community's needs.

Sandy Perkins: How does this fit into the vision for the town? Is there a vision? It has to fit into what the community wants to be.

Denise: I'd like to learn about examples and what happened to local infrastructure after and houses. What are the negatives? What might happen? Also expressed concern about the decision timeline.

**Communications and Outreach Action Items:**

- Steering committee- Share public forum information, invite community members to the forum, and prepare to answer questions at the event.
- Denise- Email blast to area businesses
- Jack – one-liner on the PD sign and collaborate with Maranda for presentation
- Alsina- Purchase supplies for the forum

**Public Forum:**

**Next Meeting:** Scheduled for Tuesday, June 18th, 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

**Adjournment:** 7:15 pm

**Submitted by:** Alsina Brenenstuhl

**Date:** 6/21/2023