



APDVD Meeting , Thursday, September 10th, 2026
LAE Beach House / 263 Ashuelot Drive, Washington, NH

Committee Members in Attendance:

Gary Carney, Peg Carney, Joe Shea, Rob Michell, Susan Collins, Mike Collins

Meeting Called to Order: 7:05pm

Minutes: Approval of last month's meeting minutes has been postponed until October meeting, in conjunction with September's minutes.

Water Level Monitoring:

Delivery of the electronic water level monitoring system is expected next week. Regarding the supplemental staff gauge, Rob will take the lead ordering appropriate materials for installation.

Submersible Device Update:

Joe has researched and presented multiple options for acquisition of equipment for underwater inspection of our dam. The recently borrowed "Go-Pro" (with thanks to Roy Maston) was useful, but investing in our own device is warranted. A motion was made by Gary, seconded by Susan and unanimously approved to dedicate a budget of \$1,750 for Joe to secure a submersible device and incidental equipment. Professional divers used in the past cost significantly more than this.

Maintenance of Dam Grounds:

Gary expressed appreciation to Mike and Rob for the hours dedicated and their hard labor in cleaning up the growth on site of the dam area. Attention to mitigate overgrowth in May and August should ensure a clear site. We are investigating contracting a local landscaper to keep the back side of the dam and surrounding grounds well controlled. Rob will research relevant safety factors regarding ongoing maintenance practices for compliance with state and environmental regulations. A site team volunteer group may be coordinated going forward.

NH DES Inspection:

DES's inspection of our dam site has not yet happened to our knowledge, though booked for Aug/Sept timeframe. DES had suggested four weeks to hear back (Monday the 14th). Mike will follow up again and reach out to Jim Webber at DES to make him aware that we intend to pursue advancement of action steps from our Engineering firm's proposal for the Emergency Action Plan updates (expected on Sept. 11th).

Engineering work:

Our Engineer completed and delivered the analysis of the site hydrology in August. The DES dam bureau indicated that due to other priorities, they would not be able to provide feedback on the analysis for four weeks (which period ends on Monday 9/14). Mike and/or Charlie, the lead engineer, will advise DES that we intend to proceed with plans assuming the analysis is final and with circulating the updated Emergency Action Plan.

Access to Far Spillway:

Joe to take the lead revisiting existing legal analyses regarding access rights for inspections and other dam work and pursue additional clarity as needed.

Site safety and security:

The Commission will consider options for changes to fencing and signage as it considers the imminent engineering redesign report.

Treasurer Update:

Mike is now on APDVD Bank account and irrelevant names corrected.

Primex Insurance Account needs updating with current serving committee names, Peggy and Mike to be on account. Peggy will update and delete names no longer in use.

Mike will follow up on auditor report 60-A from the state.

Anyone filing expenses of gas mileage reimbursement for trips to dam site can claim \$.76 / mile.

Peggy requested purchasing an Epson Printer, ink and paper for APDVD use and was approved.

Peggy learned of, and will look into applying for a grant from a charitable organization for funding to be used for capital improvements.

Other:

A new chain was installed for the dam gate mechanism, and Gary conducted an operating review for new committee members Rob and Joe.

Mike reported the findings of the underwater inspection of the dam gate and water flow as viewed from the GoPro being lowered from his boat.

A full review of open items, including DRA filing, EAP filing and Bylaws update from Jane Taylor will be addressed as topics of a future meeting.

Meeting Adjourned 8:45pm

Motion made by Gary, seconded by Rob