

Hearing Fitchburg Water Dept. DEP #93-321

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Maintenance on the dam at Ashby Compensating Reservoir. The whole dam is in disrepair. This would be an intermittent repair needed along the dam near the gatehouse. Strip away the top soil in a 50-75' area. Lower the pond 4' using the low level outlet to allow putting in some rip rap. Bring the level up and re-seed. They were hoping to do this before the winter. But it was delayed so now looking to do it in the Spring for quick refill. Pond would be brought down for 2-3 days. The whole project should only be a week. They would like to do it in the Spring now, late May or early June.

Dam is a concrete core.

Ultimately there is a million dollar proposal for a large fix.

No 1"=20' plan submitted so hard to see where silt fences would be installed and work to take place.

Roberta thinks the early spring would prove unpredictable. Preferable would be more like mid- to late September for winter recharge.

What is the danger of waiting? Originally termed "unsafe" but reclassified "poor condition". The biggest concern is the capacity of the spillway.

The rip rap to be used will be washed. Silt fence on both the up and down stream sides.

Denis will provide detail of work area in 1"=20' scale with a work sequence.

Stock pile will need to be ringed with silt fence and covered.

Silt fence on the pond side will come down prior to rip rap installation. Silt fence on down side will be removed once grass has taken.

Cathy suggests using filter mitts instead of silt fence, lower profile, less wind issue, less issue with installation, less issue with getting in the way of equipment, just slit the top for "removal" so no further earth disturbance. Denis agrees.

Hearing continued to the first meeting in March, the 2nd at 8pm. At which time the updated plans

Hearing close 8:31pm.