

**Ball Pond Advisory Committee  
BPAC Regular Meeting  
April 5, 2022 7pm Senior Center  
Minutes**

**Members In Attendance:**

Elissa Johnson  
George Buck  
Mary Yulo

**Members Absent:**

Julian Laemmerhirt  
Jim Mellett  
Monica Santos  
Pete Viola

As there was no quorum, no voting or decisions took place - the meeting was discussion only.

**Meeting Called to Order:**

The chair called the meeting to order at 7:03pm

**Correspondence:**

A copy of an email correspondence from Gary Mummert regarding the spraying of glyphosate along Rte. 39 guard rails was given to those in attendance.

**Approval of Minutes:**

As there was no quorum, the March minutes will need to be approved at the next meeting.

**Chair Update:**

The current budget balance is \$2087.43.

The secretary position has been posted and two applicants have responded. The position has been reposted.

The AER contract has been signed and delivered and water testing will begin this month. The BPAC boat will be used, with George Buck offering his electric boat as backup.

Elissa has submitted the final AIS report from the cyanobacteria study to the state and the town awaits reimbursement.

The BOS has approved 2 alternates. Alternates must apply in the same manner as regular committee members, but only serve at the request of the committee when members are absent and a quorum is needed.

Elissa met with Tim Simpkins, Tom Quigley, and Cynthia Rabinowitz from the Northwest Conservation District to discuss the condition and maintenance of the bioretention ponds by the boat launch and further north on Ball Pond East. Ms. Rabinowitz will be making recommendations regarding their maintenance.

The BOS has approved the mission statement and the BPAC webpage has been updated to include it as well as the current goals.

Elissa has created a shared google drive file for the sharing of relevant, reliable information regarding lake management. Members are encouraged to educate themselves and one another in preparation for AER recommendations to come in the fall.

**Education Goal:**

Members were given a copy of the FBP newsletter draft by Mary with contributions by Elissa. It includes a BPAC Update session. Mary reports that the President of FBP has directed her to reduce the length to one double-sided page. 150 3 double-sided pages, colored paper, and black ink is \$150 at Staples. These could be walked to all properties on the watershed. Elissa acquired a watershed map and corresponding addresses for distribution. But, this is a FBP project and requires its approval.

Members were also given a copy of the "All About Lakes" powerpoint that Jim produced and will present at the Senior Center.

Approval of a liaison to FBP and regular BPAC column will also have to wait for a quorum. Elissa attended a "Librarie Loves Lakes" webinar, as did the NF Public Library children's librarian. At a future meeting, the committee may elect to collaborate the library to develop a program for lake appreciation month in July.

**Glyphosate spraying and road salts**

A quorum will be needed to determine what actions it may take regarding these sources of pollution.

**BPAC Boat**

The committee will need to decide where to keep the BPAC jonboat this year for easier access.

**New Business**

Gary Mummert's proposal was tabled until a quorum is present.

George described the research he has been doing on deep water aeration systems. He feels he could develop an affordable one and sent his ideas to Tim Simpkins and Tom Quigley. Elissa encouraged him to include reliable sources on aeration he finds in the shared file so that members may educate themselves should its use be among the options recommended by AER as part of our lake management plan.

**Adjournment:** 9pm

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