

BALL POND ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Monthly Meeting
June 4, 2024, at 7:00 pm
Senior Center Community Room

The Ball Pond Advisory Committee closely monitors the water quality and living community comprising Ball Pond: applying best lake management practices, and encouraging good stewardship by the watershed community, to ensure the health of the lake for current and future generations, as well as for the wildlife that relies upon it.

In attendance: Committee Members: Monica Santos, Hannah Schiering, Debi Coniglio-Kilcourse, Ellen McHugh, Mary Yulo (by phone)

Members of the public: Tom Perkins (Selectman)

1. Call to Order- 7:08
2. Approval of May 7, 2024, meeting minutes- Mary motions, Ellen seconds; all in favor. Motion passes.
3. Discuss the water monitoring schedule- Larry Marsicano and George are working to find at least two weekends in the summer to do testing, as part of the monthly testing program.
 - Dr. Wong, from WCSU, is on board for testing this summer.
 - He usually waits until after the school season, in June.
 - As this could be Dr. Wong's last summer with the committee, training someone to take his place is discussed.
 - There are labs that the committee can send samples to for analysis if collected themselves.
4. Update on budget status for 2024-2025 budget- The committee does not yet have an approved budget.
 - Larry Marsicano has agreed to continue on with his work pending budget approval.
5. Update from Friends of Ball Pond- Larry and George do not have a water testing schedule.
 - There are two options for residents that would like to participate; one being they will have a seat on the boat, and the other is, once they schedule, people can use their own paddleboards and kayaks to get to the testing site. There they can ask questions and discuss. ***Post Meeting note- BPAC members will get priority as far as a seat on the boat.**
 - During the week, the opportunity would be the same.

- FOBP will be preparing for the annual meeting on June 8th. As it will be a barbecue at which the meal will be provided, residents are asked to bring desserts or sides.
- Jeff Main will be speaking.
- Mary will make a pitch for help with algae watch, volunteer for water samples and such.
- It was suggested to make an event out of the history of Hallawah Preserve.
- Mary has a FOBP newsletter ready.
- FOBP tag sale is August 31st.
- Kids kayak race is July 6th.
- The annual Music Festival is July 20th.
- The need to have public notifications is discussed; get town permission to post BPAC links on the FOBP website.
- The question of who is in charge of storm water and storm drain management was posited in the previous FOBP meeting.

6. **New Business-** Monica has still received no response from Julian in regards to road salts.

- Retention pond cleanup needs to be brought to the attention of the town as it is the town's job to clean them; namely the retention pond on Meadow Ridge, the small one at the bottom of Sunswep, and the two down at the boat launch.
- Suds have been accumulating near private beach.
- There has been a large phragmite removal at the north end of the pond, and the addition of a dock and small sand beach.

7. **Adjournment-** 7:38 Hannah motions, Debi seconds; all in favor. Motion passes.

Minutes submitted by: Alexis Surovy

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