

Ball Pond Advisory Committee

Special Meeting

January 10, 2023 at 7:00 pm

Senior Center Community Room

Mission: 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.

Meeting Notes

1. Call to Order – Monica called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. Present were, in person: Julian Laemmerhirt, Mary Yulo, Peter Viola, George Buck, Monica Santos and via phone: Jim Mellett
2. Approval of minutes from monthly meeting on December 6, 2022 was completed by motion from Pete, 2nd by George and all in favor unanimously. The minutes from the special meeting on January 4, 2023 was completed by motion from Jim, 2nd from Pete, abstain from Julian, in favor by Monica, George, Mary, Pete and Jim.
3. Welcome and introduction of Dana Ulibarri as recording secretary for the committee – we spoke about joining us at the February meeting where we will meet her in person. Dana was unavailable for the 1/10/23 meeting.
4. Update on 2023 budget meeting with Town Hall – Monica attended the Town Budget Workshop on Tuesday, January 10th via Zoom to review with attendees, the 2023-2024 budget for BPAC. It was presented as agreed up on the January 4, 2023 committee meeting.
5. Review of Grant from 2022 – Peter spoke to Tim Simpkins at town hall about training on the microscope. Tim agreed he would train anyone interested in the microscope, Mary said she would like training. The final report from the Grant for DEEP is still an outstanding question mark. George was going to follow up with a contact name at DEEP for Mary to follow up with for the report that we are expecting from the Grant.
6. Review of current budget status second PO for water management plan and payment to AER – Monica emailed and spoke to Greg at Town Hall for all the details on what was paid and what is still outstanding from the AER invoices. At that time, Greg was looking into this and had a system issue. He followed up with an email and Monica and he need to reconnect to review final details on invoices and if a new PO is required for the final comprehensive lake management report from AER. She will follow up with Greg this week.

7. Review of 2022 payments to AER \$9541.50 in original PO; \$9093 in payments. Needs October invoice payment. – See #6 above.
8. Confirmation of payments to WCSU for summer 2022 water testing – See #6 above, Greg and Monica also working on the WCSU payments for 2022. Monica to follow up with Greg this week.
9. Report on final session of WCSU lake seminar re: disappearance of weeds – Mary provided a detailed review of WCSU lake seminar. See attached.
10. Report on meeting with Northwest Conservation District and Waramaug task force – Mary met with two representatives and shared the concerns and actions that we may want to review. See attached.
11. Status of Anthony Nunes – both Pete and Mary have reached out to Anthony for his swearing in, that can be done by phone. We have not gotten notice that Anthony has completed this task to be allowed on the committee.
12. Public Comment – no one present from public
13. Adjournment – motion to adjourn 8:18 by Pete, 2nd by Julian, unanimously approved all in favor

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