

Ball Pond Advisory Committee

MINUTES

October 9, 2007

7:00 p.m.

A special meeting of the Ball Pond Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, October 9, 2007 in the Shaw's Supermarket Conference Room.

Cynthia Stevens called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. George Buck, Helen Gallagher, and Terry Lent were also in attendance. Walter Hope entered at 7:07 p.m. and Brian Bosley entered at 7:10 p.m. Maureen Dangelo was not present.

Approval of Minutes:

Walter Hope made a motion to accept the minutes of the September 11, 2007 special meeting as written. Terry Lent seconded the motion.

Vote: 5-0-1 (Motion Approved)

General Correspondence:

- . There are two bills to pay:
 - . Reimburse Friends of Ball Pond for August '06 and July '07 payment to A. Michael Coleman for diving services and weed recovery (\$1,200.00)
 - . Hydro Technologies for 9/07 water sampling (\$253.00)
 - . Approximately \$3,000 remains in the budget
 - . Cynthia Stevens entertained a motion to add "5a. New Business" to the agenda and to add "motor boats", "new meeting dates", and "upkeep of Town Park" under that item.
 - . Helen Gallagher made the motion. Terry Lent seconded the motion.
- Vote: 6-0-0 (Motion Approved)

Public Comment: none

Old Business:

- . Sandbar survey
 - . Jim Mellett unable to conduct core sampling as of the date of this meeting due to personal responsibilities. The goal of this testing is to determine if the sediment is road sand and, therefore, the responsibility of the State to remove.
 - Jim Mellett suggested that volunteers conduct the core sampling; Cynthia Stevens believes that would limit the validity of the study
 - Cynthia Stevens will contact Jim Mellett to see if he will be able to collect the samples now (since the water has been so warm) or if he will wait until the spring of '08
 - Brian Bosley has some flexibility with his work schedule and again offered to assist
- . Ball Pond as a potential water source for Danbury
 - . Cynthia Stevens was able to gain access to Danbury's water supply plan despite what she had been told previously; she will pursue

obtaining copies of portions of the report which directly relate to Ball Pond or Ball Pond Brook

- Cynthia Stevens spoke with David Day, Superintendent of Public Utilities
 - they are looking into the “technical feasibility” of using Ball Pond Brook
 - Cynthia Stevens cited concerns including the impact on fisheries and on the delicate balance of the ecosystem
 - David Day said that this plan hasn’t been approved by the state; there needs to be conversation with New Fairfield
- Ball Pond Brook – along with Candlewood Lake – is mentioned in the report
- Whether or not it *appears* to be unfeasible to use Ball Pond Brook, its inclusion in the plan is written in a declarative way and should be addressed by the Ball Pond Advisory Committee; possible options discussed include:
 - (Cynthia Stevens) Use up to \$2500 to hire an expert (maybe Bob Jontos) to write something official to say that this will not work for the given reasons; present this to the Selectmen and ask that they lodge a protest with Danbury and the State; Maureen Dangelo has plans to contact Bob Jontos to find out what he would be able to produce for the given amount of money; Brian Bosley recommends finding out exactly what area the study would encompass
 - (Cynthia Stevens) Ask Dr. Peter Rostenberg – knowledgeable about conservation issues – for specific suggestions; Cynthia Stevens will ask him to attend an upcoming meeting
- The Ball Pond Advisory Committee will hold a Special Meeting on Saturday, October 20, 2007 to tour Ball Pond Brook beginning at the boat launch on Ball Pond (time TBA) guided by George Buck
- Helen Gallagher made a motion stating that the Ball Pond Advisory Committee will commission a study of the Ball Pond Watershed and Ball Pond Brook relative to the Danbury water supply plan. Terry Lent seconded the motion.

Vote: 6-0-0 (motion approved)
- Ball Pond shoreline construction
 - pile of sand across the street from 141 Ball Pond Road; Inland Wetlands contacted by Cynthia Stevens – they will look into it
 - 160 Ball Pond Road – an appeal has been lodged by the Friends of Ball Pond
 - discussion ensued; Cynthia Stevens recused herself from the discussion since she is a member of the Friends of Ball Pond

- property on 67 Ball Pond Road East – five foot buffer garden with possibly invasive bamboo; Cynthia Stevens will contact Tim Simpkins to find out if it was approved by Inland Wetlands

New Business: (as added on to the agenda as “5.a” during General Correspondence)

- Motors on Ball Pond
 - There IS a Town ordinance on file but does it need to be amended?
 - General consensus is that it should include, “no in-board or out-board motors (i.e., gas, diesel, or electric) including jet skis”
 - Cynthia Stevens will pursue the proper channels to amend an ordinance and will report back to this Committee
- Town Beach on Ball Pond
 - Group reviewed history of the Town Beach for Brian Bosley (new to Committee). Brian Bosley will pursue the upkeep of this property beginning by contacting Steve LaCour (lives across from park)
- New meeting dates for 2008
 - In order for Ball Pond Advisory Committee members to be available to attend Inland Wetlands Commission meetings when agenda items pertain to Ball Pond, Ball Pond Advisory Committee meetings will be held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. Darlene Anderson-Alexander will check in the Selectman’s Office about meeting space and will report back to the Committee.

Adjournment:

- There will be a special meeting of the Ball Pond Advisory Committee on Saturday, October 20, 2007 beginning at the boat launch on Ball Pond. Meeting time will be announced.
- The next regular meeting of the Ball Pond Advisory Committee will be on Tuesday, November 13, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Shaw’s Supermarket Conference Room.
- Terry Lent made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. Brian Bosley seconded the motion.

Vote: 6-0-0 (Motion Approved)

Respectfully Submitted,

Darlene Anderson-Alexander
Recording Secretary