

Ball Pond Advisory Committee

MINUTES

March 15, 2007

8:15 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Ball Pond Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, March 15, 2007 in the Town Hall Conference Room.

Committee Chair Cynthia Stevens called the meeting to order at 8:20 p.m. George Buck, Helen Gallagher, Terry Lent, and Maureen Dangelo were also in attendance. Walter Hope was absent.

Approval of Minutes:

Cynthia Stevens suggested modifying the minutes of February 13, 2007 to specify Paul Hiro, surveyor, and Benson Environmental as the agents under consideration to map out the sandbars in the lake near storm drains, and to specify that the Connecticut Department of Public Health (not the DEP) insisted that Danbury include Ball Pond and Ball Pond Brook in its water supply plan. (New Business, North end runoff sections)

Helen Gallagher made a motion to accept the minutes of the February 13, 2007 meeting as amended. Maureen Dangelo seconded the motion.

Vote: 5-0-0 (Motion Approved)

General Correspondence:

No correspondence received but the Citizen News reported BPAC will have the requested budget of \$5,000.

Public Comment: None

Old Business:

- Ball Pond as a potential source of water for Danbury
 - Discussed “Water Supply – Future Sources of Supply” documents from Danbury Department of Public Utilities (attached).
 - Cynthia Stevens recapped issue discussed at last month’s meeting.
 - Discussion ensued about how to best address this issue in order to have the Ball Pond and Ball Pond Brook Diversion permanently dropped from the Danbury Water Supply Plan.
 - Consensus was for Maureen Dangelo and Cynthia Stevens first to draft an informal email to Norma Gyle, Deputy Commissioner of the CT Department of Public Health, to determine what is driving this renewed interest in Ball Pond as a potential water source for Danbury.
 - At a future meeting two other possibilities will be considered: 1) research by members of the Ball Pond Advisory Committee to determine the ownership of Ball Pond utilizing records from the NF Historical Society, Town Hall, and those currently being stored in the Methodist Church, and 2) hiring a hydrologist to determine if Ball Pond has enough water to even be a feasible option for Danbury to consider.

- Run-off from storm drains filling in the lake
 - Benson Environmental will map out all of the sandbars for \$500.

- Paul Hiro, Licensed Land Surveyor, has given the Ball Pond Advisory Committee a proposal to complete a survey map of the silt area marked out by Benson Environmental for a sum not to exceed \$1,500.00 (see attached letter).
- Jim Mellet will examine the composition of the road sand.
- **Maureen Dangelo made a motion to hire Paul Hiro, licensed land surveyor, and George Benson of Benson Environmental to map out the sandbars at all of the storm drains around Ball Pond. Helen Gallagher seconded the motion.**

Vote: 5-0-0 (Motion Approved)

- Motorcycle noise pollution
 - Cynthia Stevens recapped issue for member of public present.
 - State Trooper Sergeant Wagenblast assured Cynthia Stevens that, if residents issue complaints, the troopers will come out and ticket motorcyclists for driving at excessive speeds and/or without mufflers (thereby exceeding legal noise levels). Residents should be specific about the times when the problem is most prevalent.
 - Discussion ensued about whether these complaints should come from individual residents or from the Ball Pond Advisory Committee. Some members feel this is a broader community issue and not specific to Ball Pond. Some members believe complaints from the Committee will be more effective than from individuals and that this noise pollution does have an impact on Ball Pond.

New Business:

- Cynthia Stevens reported on the stone cottage renovation. Contractors opened up a storm drain causing excessive run-off onto the ice. Maureen Dangelo reported it to the environmental enforcement officer. The general contractor was to clear it. Maureen Dangelo will follow up.
- Cynthia Stevens reported that the portable toilet that had fallen over at the log cabin on Route 39 is to be removed, according to the environmental enforcement officer.
- Cynthia Stevens reported that the environmental enforcement officer says that despite her approval from the wetlands commission, Mrs. Ginsberg is not going to build a driveway because she would need a high retention wall.
- George Buck reported that the State stocked Ball Pond with 2,550 trout; there will be pictures and a write-up in an upcoming issue of the Citizen News.

Adjournment:

- The next regular meeting of the Ball Pond Advisory Committee will be on Thursday, April 19, 2007 at 8:15 p.m. in Town Hall.
- **Terry Lent made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 p.m. Maureen Dangelo seconded the motion.**

Vote: 5-0-0 (Motion Approved)

Respectfully Submitted,

Darlene Anderson-Alexander
Recording Secretary