

Ball Pond Advisory Committee

MINUTES

May 17, 2007

8:15 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Ball Pond Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, May 17, 2007 in the Town Hall Conference Room.

Committee Chair Cynthia Stevens called the meeting to order at 8:24 p.m. George Buck, Maureen Dangelo, Helen Gallagher, and Terry Lent were also in attendance. Walter Hope was absent.

Approval of Minutes:

Terry Lent made a motion to accept the minutes of the March 15, 2007 meeting with the following changes: "Wagenblast" corrected to "Wagnblas" (Old Business, Motorcycle noise pollution) and "Ginsberg" corrected to "Ginsburg" (New Business). Helen Gallagher seconded the motion.

Vote: 5-0-0 (Motion Approved)

General Correspondence:

- There is \$3,043.94 remaining in this year's budget
- Requests to the First Selectman to be (re)-appointed to the Ball Pond Advisory Committee
 - should be prepared by May 31, 2007 and sent via email or US mail to Darlene Anderson-Alexander
 - Darlene Anderson-Alexander will deliver the letters, as a package, to the First Selectman in June
 - Brian Bosley may be interested in being appointed to the Ball Pond Advisory Committee; Cynthia Stevens will contact him
- Discussion regarding changing monthly meetings to the third Tuesday in the Fall

Public Comment: none

Old Business:

- Ball Pond as a potential water supply
 - Maureen Dangelo contacted 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. Ms. Gyle responded that Ball Pond must be kept in the plan, but she will continue to do what she can to ensure that it is not used.
 - Discussion ensued regarding what a variety of "local experts" feel needs to be done to encourage Danbury to remove Ball Pond from their plan.
 - Consensus was to hire a geohydrologist to assess whether or not the 267 acre watershed would provide enough water to meet Danbury's needs in an emergency
 - Maureen Dangelo will contact Bob Jontos
 - Cynthia Stevens will report to the Friends of Ball Pond at their Annual meeting in June that the Ball Pond Advisory Committee is looking into this situation.
- Storm drains

- . Paul Hiro, surveyor, and Benson Environmental will begin mapping out the sandbars in late May or early June. This will be paid for out of this year's budget.

New Business:

- Ball Pond ownership
 - . Darlene Anderson-Alexander reported on research to date.
 - "Deed from Indians" (1729) states that all land within the grant of NF was sold to the proprietors of NF (assumption that Ball Pond was included)
 - Land records, volume 70, page 71 suggests land given to NF by CL&P
 - 212 Ball Pond Road is cited in the Vision Appraisal records as "municipal-vacant"
 - anecdotal records from NF Historical Society indicate that "no one" owns – or has ever owned – Ball Pond.
 - Darlene Anderson-Alexander will copy her findings and distribute to the Committee
 - . Cynthia Stevens produced an article from the 11/23/05 Citizen New entitled, "Purchase of New Fairfield from Indians, October 1725"; Darlene Anderson-Alexander will distribute copy to Committee
- Trout fishing update from George Buck
 - . Cormorants (a diving bird prevalent in the spring and fall) are severely depleting the trout population; may impact how much and what kind of trout are used to stock Ball Pond in the future

Adjournment:

- The next regular meeting of the Ball Pond Advisory Committee will be on Thursday, June 21, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.
- Maureen Dangelo made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m. Terry Lent seconded the motion.
Vote: 5-0-0 (Motion Approved)

Respectfully Submitted,

Darlene Anderson-Alexander
Recording Secretary