

Ball Pond Advisory Committee

**MINUTES**

June 21, 2007

7:00 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Ball Pond Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, June 21, 2007 in the Town Hall Conference Room.

Walter Hope called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. George Buck, Maureen Dangelo, and Helen Gallagher were also in attendance. Terry Lent and Cynthia Stevens were absent.

Approval of Minutes:

Maureen Dangelo made a motion to accept the minutes of the May 17, 2007. Helen Gallagher seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-1 (Motion Approved)

General Correspondence:

- Requests to the First Selectman to be (re)-appointed to the Ball Pond Advisory Committee were signed and will be delivered to his office on 6/22/07.
- The Town Hall conference room is not available consistently on the third Tuesday of the month in the Fall. The Committee suggested looking at other venues. Darlene Anderson-Alexander will look into the firehouse.

Public Comment: Mary Aragonés recently moved to 140 Ball Pond Road (although a longtime resident of NF). She is interested in helping out in anyway she can with the work of the Ball Pond Advisory Committee.

Old Business:

- Sandbar survey
  - Apparently, the work has been completed by Paul Hiro, surveyor, and Benson Environmental; Walter Hope has not received a report of the results.
- Ball Pond as a potential water source for Danbury
  - Maureen Dangelo contacted Bob Jontos, geohydrologist, to ask him to assess whether or not the 267 acre Ball Pond watershed would provide enough water to meet Danbury's needs in an emergency.
    - He has reported that it will probably be an expensive process.
    - Consensus was to still have him look at the issue and give his thoughts and/or an estimate (if the whole study is too cost prohibitive).
  - Maureen Dangelo reported that the First Selectman has said that Danbury is absolutely not interested in Ball Pond as a water source; discussion ensued.
  - Consensus is that Ball Pond **must** be taken out of the official documentation.
    - Maureen Dangelo will speak with Cynthia Stevens about the possibility of going back to Norma Gyle, Deputy Commissioner of the CT Department of Public Health for assistance.
- Ball Pond fishing report
  - George Buck reported that Ball Pond is ranked #2 in the State for bass in terms of quantity and quality.
  - Trout fishing is not as good due to the cormorant issue.

New Business:

- Maureen Dangelo reported that Tim Simpkins conducted water quality tests; results not reported as of yet.
- Weeds
  - Maureen Dangelo reported that weeds are not too bad this year; several families hire Lockhart Environmental to clear weeds (George Buck recommended alerting the NFPD when the pontoon boat will be out on the water; Maureen Dangelo will call them).
  - Conversation proceeded about the increase in pink lilies which are not indigenous to the Pond.
- The Friends of Ball Pond Tag Sale will be this Saturday, June 23, 2007 at Maureen Dangelo's house from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.; all are encouraged to attend.

Adjournment:

- The next regular meeting of the Ball Pond Advisory Committee will be on Thursday, July 19, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.
- Walter Hope made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Maureen Dangelo seconded the motion.  
Vote: 4-0-0 (Motion Approved)

Respectfully Submitted,

Darlene Anderson-Alexander  
Recording Secretary