

Ball Pond Advisory Committee

**MINUTES**

July 19, 2007

7:00 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Ball Pond Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, July 19, 2007 in the Town Hall Conference Room.

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

Approval of Minutes:

Helen Gallagher made a motion to accept the minutes of the June 21, 2007 as written. Maureen Dangelo seconded the motion.

Vote: 4-0-2 (Motion Approved)

It should be noted that under "Old Business", the sandbar survey had *not* been completed as of 6/21/07 and that under "New Business", the water quality tests had *not* been completed as of 6/21/07.

General Correspondence:

- . The Ball Pond Advisory Committee has a \$5000 budget for '07-'08.
- . There is some confusion over our remaining money from '06-'07. Darlene Anderson-Alexander will contact the Finance Department for clarification.

Public Comment: Brian Bosley was in attendance and is anticipating being appointed to the Committee by next month's meeting.

Old Business:

- . Sandbar survey
  - . Work was completed on July 3, 2007; Cynthia Stevens shared preliminary "Sediment Location Plan" from Paul Hiro.
  - . There are about 1300 cubic yards of material starting at about 35' out from shore on the north end. According to Paul Hiro, there is more sediment further out which would not be able to be dredged. Cynthia Stevens recommends finding out exactly what is out there for impact purposes even if it is not a candidate for dredging.
  - . Jim Mellet will conduct core sampling to see if the sediment is road sand and, therefore, the responsibility of the State.
  - . George Benson will look at other storm drains on August 1, 2007 (at no further charge); he recommends hiring an engineer to construct a catch basin to address the problem.
  - . Consensus is to consult the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers if the State does not offer assistance.
  - . Related discussion of weeds ensued.
    - . General feeling that weeds are pretty low this year (except pink water lilies); there are a number of possible reasons for this.
    - . George Benson would like to have his intern do a conclusion study to show the impact of stocking carp (this type of study was supposed to be

completed by the State); results could be published; Walter Hope recommends creating a website with information such as this on it.

- . Ball Pond as a potential water source for Danbury
  - . Cynthia Stevens is continuing to pursue a copy of the report that Danbury submitted to the State citing Ball Pond as a potential water source.
  - . Bob Jontos, geohydrologist, wants to see the above-mentioned report; Friends of Ball Pond wish to pursue a geohydrology study with him.
  - . Consensus remains that Ball Pond must be removed from any documentation citing it as a potential water source for Danbury now rather than at a later point when Danbury may be facing a public health crisis due to over-development.

#### New Business:

- . Elections of Chair and Vice Chair positions
  - . Maureen Dangelo made a motion to table this item until August so that all members will be officially sworn in. Terry Lent seconded the motion
    - . Vote: 6-0-0 (motion approved)
  - . Cynthia Stevens reported that Brian Bosley will be voted in as the seventh member of the Committee at the next Selectmen's meeting; the Ball Pond Advisory Committee will request the creation of an alternate position (letter attached).

#### Water quality report

- . Completed in early July; results pending.
- . Brian Bosley has a boat and a small motor which can be used if necessary for water testing and other Ball Pond Advisory Committee business in the future.

#### Adjournment:

- . The next regular meeting of the Ball Pond Advisory Committee will be on Tuesday, August 21, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. Location TBA. NOTE: Meetings will be held on the third Tuesday of each month through November. Darlene Anderson-Alexander will have this change posted at Town Hall and in the Citizen News as soon as the location is finalized.
- . Terry Lent made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m. Maureen Dangelo seconded the motion.
  - . Vote: 6-0-0 (Motion Approved)

Respectfully Submitted,

Darlene Anderson-Alexander  
Recording Secretary