

Ball Pond Advisory Committee

MINUTES

August 21, 2007

7:00 p.m.

A special meeting of the Ball Pond Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, August 21, 2007 in the Shaw's Supermarket Conference Room.

Cynthia Stevens called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. Brian Bosley, George Buck, Maureen Dangelo, Helen Gallagher, and Terry Lent were also in attendance. Walter Hope was not present.

Approval of Minutes:

Helen Gallagher made a motion to accept the minutes of the July 19, 2007 regular meeting as written. Terry Lent seconded the motion.

Vote: 5-0-1 (Motion Approved)

General Correspondence:

- . The Ball Pond Advisory Committee has a \$5000 budget for '07-'08.
- . A list of Jewish holidays for the coming year was received. Cynthia Stevens will keep on file for use in planning future meeting dates.
- . The Board of Selectmen unanimously approved Brian Bosley's appointment to the Ball Pond Advisory Committee.
- . Cynthia Stevens was advised, during a phone conversation with the Selectman's office staff, that an Alternate slot on the Ball Pond Advisory Committee is not deemed by the Selectmen to be necessary at this time; a written response to our request has not been received.

Public Comment: none

Old Business:

- . Sandbar survey
 - . Cynthia Stevens received an updated "Sediment Location Plan" map from Paul Hiro
 - Global Positioning Points (GPS) were not used; Paul Hiro uses an alternative mapping system and would be able to mark the sandbar accordingly if needed.
 - . Benson Environmental provided a document entitled "Ball Pond Summary of 2007 Projects" (attached)
 - The statement, "the sediment does extend further into the lake" (page 1, "Sediment Location Survey", paragraph 2) makes it clear that there is environmental impact beyond what the survey maps out
 - . Jim Mellet will conduct core sampling in mid-September to determine if the sediment is road sand and, therefore, the responsibility of the State
 - Brian Bosley will offer to help Jim Mellet
 - . George Benson will be conducting a second water study shortly and will also look at the other storm drains

- Consensus is that a lot of work will be required to clean up Ball Pond. Future plans include: contacting the State DOT, consulting with Inland Wetlands, and looking for an engineer.
- Ball Pond as a potential water source for Danbury
 - Cynthia Stevens found out that it will be impossible to retrieve a copy of the report that Danbury submitted to the State citing Ball Pond as a potential water source because it is covered under Homeland Security.
 - Bob Jontos, geohydrologist, will be hired by the Friends of Ball Pond to conduct a geohydrology study, the results of which will most likely suggest that Ball Pond is not big enough for Danbury's needs. This information will be brought to the Selectmen who will be asked to forward it to the State Department of Health.
 - Cynthia Stevens will contact the DEP to access a copy of the letter presumably written to the Department of Health stating the impact on the lake from a fisheries' perspective.
 - Discussion ensued about the need for an updated environmental impact study since the information from the last one is no longer valid due to development, etc.

New Business:

- Elections of Chair and Vice Chair positions
 - Helen Gallagher made a motion to elect Cynthia Stevens as Chair and Maureen Dangelo as Vice Chair of the Ball Pond Advisory Committee for the 2007-2008 year. Terry Lent seconded the motion.
Vote: 6-0-0 (Motion Approved)
- Water quality report
 - Conducted by Hydro Technologies, Inc. (attached)
 - Water quality is "ok" for a mesotrophic, early eutrophic lake
 - Related discussion of the need for a ten-year carp study developed. George Benson said that that process could be very expensive (estimated \$10,000). George Buck suggested contacting UCONN to see if there is a graduate student interested in pursuing this for a thesis topic. All present were in support of this idea.

Adjournment:

- The next regular meeting of the Ball Pond Advisory Committee will be on Tuesday, September 18, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Shaw's Supermarket Conference Room.
- Maureen Dangelo made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. Brian Bosley seconded the motion.
Vote: 6-0-0 (Motion Approved)

Respectfully Submitted,

Darlene Anderson-Alexander
Recording Secretary