

Ball Pond Advisory Committee

MINUTES

November 13, 2007

7:00 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Ball Pond Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, November 13, 2007 in the Shaw's Supermarket Conference Room.

Cynthia Stevens called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. Brian Bosley, George Buck, Helen Gallagher, Walter Hope, and Terry Lent were also in attendance. Maureen Dangelo was not present.

Revision of Agenda:

Helen Gallagher made a motion to revise the agenda in the following ways: by-pass item 2 (Guest Speaker) until Dr. Rostenberg arrives; add "Waterfront Residential District" as the second item of New Business. Terry Lent seconded the motion.

Vote: 6-0-0 (Motion Approved)

Approval of Minutes:

Terry Lent made a motion to accept the minutes of the October 9, 2007 special meeting as amended (i.e., corrected spelling of Mellett). Brian Bosley seconded the motion.

Vote: 6-0-0 (Motion Approved)

Helen Gallagher made a motion to accept the minutes of the October 20, 2007 special meeting as written. Terry Lent seconded the motion.

Vote: 6-0-0 (Motion Approved)

General Correspondence:

- . \$3024.36 remaining in '07-'08 budget to date
- . Hydrotechnologies
 - . water report from the sample taken on August 28, 2007 interpreted for Cynthia Stevens by Tim Simpkins
 - . water quality looks good
 - . status of lake is "late mesotrophic"
 - . the weeds look good, so, therefore, probably no new carp in the Spring of '08
- . Environmental Enforcement Officer
 - . discussion ensued about whether the Ball Pond Advisory Committee should make a recommendation to the Selectmen to establish a dedicated position
 - . history of the position in New Fairfield was discussed
 - . consensus was to have Cynthia Stevens research this position in other towns (i.e., do most neighboring towns have a dedicated Environmental Enforcement Officer? how do they manage their application process? what kinds of credentials do other Officers have? are job descriptions available?)

Public Comment: none

Old Business:

- . Sandbar survey
 - . to be completed by Jim Mellett in the winter when there's ice using sonar
 - . discussion ensued about whether sonar can be used to prove composition or just density; can a core sample be taken? Brian Bosley will follow up with Jim Mellett to clarify process.
 - . Darlene Anderson-Alexander to locate minutes from September or October of 2005 when the lake was excavated in front of the Winston residence after the building of the Meadows subdivision.
- . Ball Pond shoreline construction
 - . Cynthia Stevens offered examples of wall construction being reviewed by the Inland/Wetlands Commission (as transcribed from their minutes of 8/21/07) as a point of information

Guest Speaker: Dr. Peter Rostenberg, scheduled guest speaker, did not arrive at the meeting. Cynthia Stevens updated all present on Ball Pond as a potential water source for Danbury

- . Cynthia Stevens attended meeting, referenced in minutes of October 20, 2007, with John Hodge, Tony Iadorola, David Day, and Don Smith (of Roald Haestad)
 - . John Hodge explained that New Fairfield has its own water issues due to the 30 wells in downtown New Fairfield that have been contaminated with volatile organic compounds contained in dry cleaning fluids
 - . On the surface, it seems that the Danbury Water Plan would not be a problem for Ball Pond or Ball Pond Brook but Ball Pond Advisory Committee members were dubious
 - . "Danbury" would only "skim" Ball Pond, taking water on in the winter (therefore, minimal impact on recreation)
 - . they would ensure minimum flow to protect the fisheries
- . Consensus of Committee is to obtain a professional statement for the record refuting the "technical feasibility" of Danbury using Ball Pond (and Ball Pond Brook)
 - . Bob Jontos is going to have someone in his office look at Danbury's Water Plan and see if s/he can write a position paper (Ball Pond Advisory Committee willing to pay up to about \$2,500)
 - . George Buck will email Cynthia Stevens his views on the infeasibility of using Ball Pond Brook; she will forward his comments to Bob Jontos as information
- . Cynthia Stevens asked the Committee if she should send Peter Aarrestad of the DEP fisheries department a copy of the Danbury Water Plan; all agreed.

New Business:

- . Town Website
 - . Darlene Anderson-Alexander attended Town training to create the Ball Pond Advisory Committee webpage. She will follow up and will inform the Committee when the site is up and running.
- . Residential Waterfront District
 - . discussion about the updated New Fairfield Zoning Regulations (August 16, 2007)

- consensus that the Ball Pond Advisory Committee should have been included in the discussion as the regulations were being updated
- Helen Gallagher made a motion for the Ball Pond Advisory Committee to send the attached letter to the Zoning Commission (including “Pictures from Pond”) with copies to the Candlewood Lake Authority, the New Fairfield Planning Commission, and the Selectmen. Walter Hope seconded the motion.

Vote: 6-0-0 (Motion Approved)

Adjournment:

- The next regular meeting of the Ball Pond Advisory Committee will be on Tuesday, January 8, 200 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Conference Room.
- Terry Lent made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. Brian Bosley seconded the motion.

Vote: 6-0-0 (Motion Approved)

Respectfully Submitted,

Darlene Anderson-Alexander
Recording Secretary