

Ball Pond Advisory Committee

MINUTES

January 8, 2008

7:00 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Ball Pond Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, January 8, 2008 in the Town Hall Conference Room.

Cynthia Stevens (Chair) called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. with all the BPAC members present: Brian Bosley, George Buck, Helen Gallagher, Walter Hope, and Terry Lent. Larry Marsicano (Candlewood Lake Authority) and Dr. Peter Rostenberg were guest speakers. First Selectman John Hodge (ex officio member) also attended part of the meeting on the discussion of Waterfront Residential District and Ball Pond Brook diversion.

Approval of Minutes:

Helen Gallagher made a motion to accept the minutes of the November 13, 2007 regular meeting as written. Terry Lent seconded the motion.

Vote: 6-0-0 (Motion Approved)

General Correspondence:

- Cynthia Stevens reported that Maureen Dangelo has formally resigned from the Ball Pond Advisory Committee for personal reasons.
- Cynthia Stevens will be meeting with the Finance Department on Monday, January 14, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss next year's Ball Pond Advisory Committee budget. She plans to ask for the same amount as was allotted in '07-'08 (i.e., \$5,000).

Public Comment: None

Old Business:

• **Waterfront Residential District**

- Presentation by Larry Marsicano, Executive Director of the Candlewood Lake Authority
 - Gave a historical perspective on the Candlewood Lake Authority, citing its 2002 document entitled "Action Plan for Preserving Candlewood Lake" (www.candlewoodlakeauthority.org under Research/Conservation)
 - Suggested, in summary, that polluted run-off is one of the major issues facing lakes; how can development continue with the least impact on the environment (specific to New Fairfield and Ball Pond)?
 - discussed Proposed Waterfront Residential District in Proposed Zoning Regulations (www.newfairfield.org under Town Departments, Zoning)
 - referenced the Storm Water Management Plan which specifically targets those areas with the highest amount of impervious surface area (e.g., asphalt, cement, roofing) which cause disruptions to the water cycle
 - explained that the goal is to increase the protection of the water by working with homeowners

- . Discussion about the need for carp on an annual basis despite the “positive” weed study

- . **Sandbar study**
 - . Brian Bosley reported that Jim Mellett plans to run tests in February; Brian Bosley will assist him. Testing will include:
 - . GPR (Ground Penetrating Radar) – will measure the thickness of the layers of sediment
 - . core sampling – will determine where the sediment originated

- . **Other Old Business**
 - . Motor ordinance: In order to strengthen the current ordinance, a Town meeting would be required; consensus is to leave this issue alone for now
 - . Some signs have been removed near the boat launch; Cynthia Stevens will follow up with the State

New Business:

- . Brian Bosley will be returning to school and will therefore miss a few Committee meetings. He will stay involved via email communication.

Adjournment:

- . The next regular meeting of the Ball Pond Advisory Committee will be on Tuesday, February 12, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Conference Room.
- . Walter Hope made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. Terry Lent seconded the motion.

Vote: 6-0-0 (Motion Approved)

Respectfully Submitted,

Darlene Anderson-Alexander
Recording Secretary