

Ball Pond Advisory Committee

MINUTES

April 29, 2008

7:00 p.m.

A special meeting of the Ball Pond Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, April 29, 2008 in the Town Hall Conference Room.

Cynthia Stevens (Chair) called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. George Buck, Helen Gallagher, and Walter Hope were also present. Brian Bosley and Terry Lent were not in attendance.

Public Comment:

New Business:

- . Erosion control at 160 Ball Pond Road
 - . Cynthia Stevens presented digital photographs of the property taken from the Pond and a copy of the most recent Inland/Wetlands application for this property including two site maps.
 - . The group discussed the work that has been done on the property thus far in terms of potential environmental impact as well as aesthetics.
 - . A first draft of a letter to Tim Simpkins, Environmental Enforcement Officer, written by Cynthia Stevens, was reviewed for accuracy of content. The letter delineates the issues that the Ball Pond Advisory Committee has with the work that has already been done and suggests action by the Town.
 - . George Buck recommended that Cynthia Stevens consult with First Selectman Hodge and then request that a workshop be arranged to include the Ball Pond Advisory Committee, Conservation Inland/Wetlands Commission, and the Environmental Enforcement Officer *prior* to the public hearing concerning this property. All present in agreement.
 - . Cynthia Stevens asked that Committee members generate a list of concerns regarding the current Inlands/Wetlands application for discussion at the next regular meeting on May 13th.
- . Cutting of trees on Ball Pond Road East
 - . Cynthia Stevens expressed concern that trees were cut down on the property at 51 Ball Pond Road and *then* a permit was acquired by the homeowner. This process seems flawed.
- . Ball Pond Outlet
 - . Discussion took place about whether or not to dredge the Outlet and, if so, exactly where and how it should be done.
 - . Cynthia Stevens will speak to property owner Mrs. Weldon to see if she would allow trucks on her property to complete this work.
- . Carp fishing
 - . The question of a Town Ordinance regarding carp fishing was raised. George Buck stated that in matters such as this (e.g., hunting, fishing), the power resides with the State and not the individual towns.
 - . However, the Ball Pond carp could be considered "town property" since they are part of a documented program to reduce weeds and therefore can't be stolen.

- Consensus of the group is to spread the word to other people who fish and community members to watch for the man who was caught with the carp; hopefully the problem can be handled by peer enforcement and will not require further action.

Adjournment:

- The next regular meeting of the Ball Pond Advisory Committee will be on Tuesday, May 13, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Conference Room.
- Walter Hope made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 p.m. Helen Gallagher seconded the motion.

Vote: 4-0-0; Motion Approved

Respectfully Submitted,

Darlene Anderson-Alexander
Recording Secretary