

Ball Pond Advisory Committee

MINUTES

January 13, 2009

7:00 pm

A regular meeting of the Ball Pond Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, January 13, 2009 in Town Hall Conference Room.

Cynthia Stevens (Chair) called the meeting to order at 7:10pm. Brian Bosley, George Buck, Helen Gallagher, Walter Hope and Terry Lent were in attendance.

Approval of Minutes

Brian Bosley made a motion to accept the minutes of the November 18, 2008 regular meeting as written. Terry Lent seconded the motion.

Vote: 6-0-0 (Motion approved)

General Correspondence

Cynthia Stevens noted that she and some other board members met with town's finance committee immediately prior to this meeting. She noted what was left in the Ball Pond Advisory Committee's 2008-2009 budget (\$1700) will be spent on pink water lily removal and secretary's salary. BPAC asked for the same budget of \$5100 for 2009-2010.

Public Comment: None

Old Business

Ball Pond Outlet

There was a discussion regarding the Ball Pond Brook Outlet. George Buck opened the grate and cleaned out the leaves in December. There was a consensus on flushing out the grates every spring and fall.

Town Beach

The CT DOT cleaned out the storm drains and excavated new drainage. Cynthia will send a thank-you note to the DOT. There was a discussion of what the homeowners would want at the town beach. There was a suggestion of getting rid of the sand and putting soil and plants with a buffer. Cynthia Stevens will check with Landscaper Jane Didona regarding what plants would work there. It was suggested to contact Parks and Recreation Director Steve Merullo and ask the town to remove sand and put soil and possibly a bench. It was suggested asking Friends of Ball Pond to help with the project. Terry Lent suggested inviting Steve Merullo and homeowner Steve LaCour to the next Ball Pond Advisory Meeting to discuss the idea.

Sand Bar

Cynthia Stevens noted that geologist Jim Mellet is hoping to have a report analyzing the composition of the sandbar for the next meeting.

New Business

Cynthia Stevens noted that she is part of the Candlewood Watershed Initiative and said that they were hoping to mobilize a raking of milfoil during the draw down of the lake. (This idea later had to be abandoned for this year.) Cynthia also noted that there will be a soil testing day coordinated with the Connecticut agricultural station in April with seminars on invasive species.

Adjournment

The next regular meeting of the Ball Pond Advisory Committee will be on Tuesday, February 10, 2009 at 7:00pm in the Town Hall Conference Room.

Terry Lent made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:55pm. Brian Bosley seconded the motion.

Vote: 6-0-0 (Motion approved)

Respectfully submitted;

Suzanne Kloos
Substitute Recording Secretary