

Ball Pond Advisory Committee

MINUTES

March 10, 2009

7:00 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Ball Pond Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, March 10, 2009 in the Town Hall Conference Room.

Cynthia Stevens (Chair) called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Helen Gallagher, Walter Hope, and Terry Lent were also present. Brian Bosley and George Buck were not in attendance.

Approval of Minutes:

Helen Gallagher made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2009 regular meeting as written. Terry Lent seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-1 (Motion Approved)

General Correspondence:

- Cynthia Stevens reported that \$400 remains in the weed control budget through June 30, 2009. She will speak with Bruce Lockhart about what he can do for that amount.

Public Comment: None

Old Business:

- Sandbar
 - Cynthia Stevens presented the final version of Jim Mellett's paper entitled "Sedimentological Survey of Delta at North End of Ball Pond, New Fairfield, Connecticut" (attached) and re-capped his findings for those present.
 - Cynthia Stevens sent a copy of the report to Selectman Hodge and is awaiting his direction before contacting the Department of Transportation for their assistance in dredging.
 - Cynthia Stevens would like the Ball Pond Advisory Committee members to arrange a walking meeting in the early spring to examine ALL of the storm drains around the entire lake (in order to have informed discussions with the State and the Town). All present agreed.
- Geese control
 - Cynthia Stevens reported that George Buck has registered with the State to addle goose eggs. April is the month for this to occur.
 - There was some question about the need to obtain permission from property owners because of an article that George Buck had read. The consensus of the group is for George Buck to find and treat the nests that are on public property or to check with homeowners as necessary.
- Pink water lilies
 - \$400 remains in the weed removal line for this FY. \$3,600 has been requested for lake management for 2009-10; much of this can go for the lilies as well as for fish (consensus is that even a few fish each year will help).

- Outlet
 - Cynthia Stevens reminded the Committee of the commitment to clean out the outlet by lifting the grate twice each year (Spring and Fall).
- Other
 - Cynthia Stevens reported that Jane Didona, landscape architect, has definitely offered to design the Town Beach but will not be able to begin that project until at least April. Cynthia Stevens brought up concerns of the Friends regarding the possibility of building a sandbox. Their fear is that it will become a “cat pan” for area outdoor cats. This Committee feels that this would probably not be a significant issue. This discussion will be continued as plans begin to take shape.

New Business:

- North end of Ball Pond land erosion
 - Walter Hope reported that the hillside is eroding and needs to be shored up. The State should really clean up the space and secure it.

Adjournment:

- The next regular meeting of the Ball Pond Advisory Committee will be on Tuesday, April 14, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Conference Room.
- Helen Gallagher made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m.; Terry Lent seconded the motion.

Vote: 4-0-0 (Motion Approved)

Respectfully Submitted,

Darlene Anderson-Alexander
Recording Secretary