

Ball Pond Advisory Committee

MINUTES, revised

May 12, 2009

7:00 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Ball Pond Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, May 12, 2009 in the Town Hall Conference Room.

Cynthia Stevens (Chair) called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. George Buck, Helen Gallagher, Walter Hope, and Terry Lent were also present. Brian Bosley was not in attendance.

Approval of Minutes:

Helen Gallagher made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2009 regular meeting as written. Terry Lent seconded the motion.

Vote: 5-0-0 (Motion Approved)

General Correspondence:

Cynthia Stevens reported on the remaining money left in the budget for this fiscal year, including \$407 for weed control, \$494 for salaries, and \$50 for materials and supplies.

Public Comment: None

Old Business:

- Sandbar
 - Cynthia Stevens received confirmation from the State DOT that they received the packet containing Jim Mellett's study but had not had time to read it yet.
- Geese control
 - George Buck reported that he has been looking for nests and related behavior from geese, but he has not seen any evidence of nests. Conversation ensued regarding why geese may not be nesting on or near Ball Pond this year.
- Pink water lilies
 - Cynthia Stevens attended a conference on April 17th sponsored by the Candlewood Watershed Initiative. One of the speakers, Greg Bugbee from the Connecticut Agricultural Station, offered possible methods of pink water lily elimination.
 - digging the lilies out (as Bruce Lockhart does)
 - painting Rodeo – an herbicide used for invasive species management– onto each leaf.
 - The group discussed the possible pros and cons of using such an herbicide. The consensus was that it would not be appropriate for Ball Pond.
- Storm Drains
 - Cynthia Stevens summarized a draft of the minutes of the May 9th special meeting as a review of the status of the storm drains around Ball Pond.
 - Communication to residents regarding storm drains was discussed.

- The pamphlet that Cynthia Stevens shared at the last meeting is not copyrighted, so it can probably be used to create a new, Ball Pond area specific document.
- There is still confusion about bulk mailing possibilities.
- Cynthia Stevens will see if there is an electronic copy of the pamphlet available for distribution.

- Other Business
 - Cynthia Stevens reviewed the carp snagger issue
 - George Buck presented copies of the 2009 CT Angler's Guide and reviewed the definition of "snagging". It is illegal to hook fish anywhere other than the mouth.
 - Residents should be on the lookout for snaggers and should call the Tip Line so that an Environmental Conservation Officer can take action if someone is spotted snagging the carp.
 - Water will be tested on June 8. Tim Simpkins and Rich Jackson will do the testing using the Dissolved Oxygen Instrument the Ball Pond Advisory Committee purchased in June '08. They will use Brian's boat.
 - The next weed dive is scheduled for July 28. Peter Aarrestad of the DEP is expected to participate with Tim Simpkins and diver Mike Coleman.

New Business: None

Adjournment:

- The next regular meeting of the Ball Pond Advisory Committee will be on Tuesday, June 9, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Conference Room.
- Walter Hope made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m.; Terry Lent seconded the motion.

Vote: 5-0-0 (Motion Approved)

Respectfully Submitted,

Darlene Anderson-Alexander
Recording Secretary