

Ball Pond Advisory Committee

MINUTES, revised

May 9, 2009

9:00 a.m.

A special meeting of the Ball Pond Advisory Committee was held on Saturday, May 9, 2009 to inspect the storm drains around Ball Pond.

Cynthia Stevens (Chair) called the meeting to order at 9 AM at the state boat launch on Ball Pond. George Buck, Helen Gallagher, Walter Hope, and Terry Lent were present. Brian Bosley was absent. Jim Mellett also attended.

General Correspondence: none.

Public Comment: none.

Old Business: none.

New Business:

- **Tour of storm drains around Ball Pond**

The committee inspected 77 storm drains on roads surrounding Ball Pond, including storm drains on Gillotti Road, Lake Drive, Route 39 and Ball Pond Road East. In total, 42 drains need to be cleaned out. Ball Pond Road East was in the best shape of all the sections, but still has at least five drains that need attention.

The committee looked at four storm drains on the Gillotti hillside east of Ball Pond Road East and then followed Gillotti to Route 39. With the exception of four storm drains on the north side of Gillotti near the water district, all the storm drains need to be cleaned, as do the three storm drains on Lake Dr. Moreover, the grate on the storm drain across from telephone pole number A 388 on Lake Dr. needs to be replaced because it is rusting out. Joe Montalvo at 119 Gillotti is doing an excellent job of keeping the storm drain by his house cleaned by sweeping the road sand as soon as possible after the winter.

Walter Hope and Jim Mellett left the meeting at 10:15 AM; Terry Lent left the meeting at 10:30 AM.

Twenty-three out of 31 storm drains on Route 39 need to be cleaned out. One in front of the Martin's property is okay, as are the two on either side of Hudson Drive. Across from the Mancuso property at 93 Ball Pond Rd., the riprap installed by the State is creating a delta. The grate in front of the Rohan property at 137 on the north side of Route 39 needs to be replaced, as does a grate on a storm drain east of 141 Ball Pond Rd. where the hillside has been dug out. Rather than erosion, it was determined that the hillside was manually dug out to prevent sheets of ice from forming on the road.

On Ball Pond Road East, the water is not draining in two storm drains at Hahlawah Preserve and there is clogging in the drain at 36 Ball Pond Rd. E. The storm drain in front of the Ginsburg property at 39 Ball Pond Rd. E. needs cleaning.

Besides the need to clean up the storm drains, two other important issues were discovered:

- Filling in the wetlands at the Ball Pond Water District with brush and leaves. It would appear that local residents are using this as a dumping ground. The same is true for property at the end of Lake drive. It was reported that residents are blocking access on Lake drive, which is a town road, and making it impossible for oil trucks and other vehicles to turn around. Tim Simpkins and Bobby Rzasa will be advised.
- Erosion is occurring at Hahlawah Preserve because there is no lip in the pavement where there is an access way and water is running towards the lake, leaving the access way muddy and impassable. The Land Trust will be consulted on this matter.

Finally, after the meeting George Buck and Cynthia Stevens ran into Encon officer Studwell at the state boat launch and discussed the carp snagging problem with him. He visits the boat launch briefly five days a week and has not yet encountered the offenders. Cynthia Stevens will provide the license plate number of the snaggers' vehicle to Encon's emergency phone number, as recommended by Studwell. Officer Studwell also said that life jackets must be worn until May 31 and that he is seeing a lot of violations on Ball Pond.

adjournment:

- The next regular meeting of the Ball Pond Advisory Committee will be on Tuesday, May 12, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Conference Room.
- Helen Gallagher made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 a.m.; George Buck seconded the motion.

Vote: 3 in favor (Motion Approved)

Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia Stevens, Chair
(Acting Recording Secretary)