

Ball Pond Advisory Committee

MINUTES

November 9, 2010

7:00 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Ball Pond Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, November 9, 2010 in the Town Hall Conference Room.

Cynthia Stevens (Chair) called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Brian Bosley, Helen Gallagher, and Terry Lent were also in attendance. George Buck was not in attendance.

Approval of Minutes:

Terry Lent made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 12, 2010 regular meeting. Brian Bosley seconded the motion.

Vote: 4-0-0 (Motion Approved)

General Correspondence:

- Cynthia Stevens received a letter from the American Red Cross Connecticut Region asking for nominations for "Community Heroes of Connecticut". Heroes will be honored at the 2011 Breakfast Celebration events around the region. See www.ctredcross.org for additional information.
- Cynthia Stevens reviewed the current financial status.
- Darlene Anderson-Alexander presented the Ball Pond Advisory Committee meeting dates for 2011. Meetings will continue to be held on the second Tuesday of the month in the Town Hall conference room beginning on January 11, 2011.
- Cynthia Stevens read into record Walter Hope's letter of resignation from the Ball Pond Advisory Committee.

Public Comment: None

Old Business:

- Town Beach
 - Cynthia Stevens sent a draft of the "Maintenance Agreement For Ball Pond Town Park", which she circulated via email to Committee members earlier this month, to First Selectman Hodge. She has not received a response from him yet.
 - Brian Bosley asked for confirmation that this document would replace a lease similar to the one between the Town of New Fairfield and Preserve New Fairfield which was discussed at the October 12, 2010 meeting. Cynthia Stevens confirmed that this would be the only agreement as a "lease" does not seem appropriate in this circumstance.
 - Landscape Architect Jane Didona is updating the plans for the Town Park to reflect the suggestions of the State Department of Transportation.
 - The consensus of the group is that firm criteria be established regarding plantings and installation prior to officially going out to bid so that fair comparisons may be made.

New Business:

- BPAC Board Member
 - Since Walter Hope has resigned from the Ball Pond Advisory Committee, a replacement must be found. Discussion ensued. Members will ask around and contact potential members.
- Zebra Mussels
 - Zebra mussels are an invasive species that have been becoming more problematic lately in area waterways. They attach themselves to ropes, docks, and the underside of boats and get into the outtakes of motors. They are also very sharp for swimmers.
 - The problem doesn't exist in Ball Pond yet, however residents should be on alert.
 - Brian Bosley suggested that the only way to truly eliminate the problem would be for the State to mandate – and provide facilities for – boats be powerwashed before being put into the water. This does not seem practical or probable for Ball Pond. Brian Bosley suggested posting a sign near the boat launch.
 - The Candlewood Lake Authority and Western Connecticut State University will present a Science at Night symposium on the mussels and their threat Monday, November 15th at 7 p.m. in the WestConn Science Building, off Osborne Street on the University's midtown campus. Admission is free and the public is urged to attend. See www.candlewoodlakeauthority.org for more information. Cynthia Stevens plans to attend and offered to transport BPAC members who are interested in going.

Other Business:

- Brian Bosley reported that he and George Buck have finished applying all of the medallions on most of the storm drains on Route 39, Gillotti Road, Ball Pond Road East, Satterlee Road, and Meadowbrook. Cynthia Stevens thanked Brian.

Adjournment:

- The next regular meeting of the Ball Pond Advisory Committee will be on Tuesday, January 11, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Conference Room.
- Brian Bosley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 p.m.; Helen Gallagher seconded the motion.

Vote: 4-0-0 (Motion Approved)

Respectfully Submitted,

Darlene Anderson-Alexander
Recording Secretary