

Ball Pond Advisory Committee

MINUTES

February 9, 2010

7:00 p.m.

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

Cynthia Stevens (Chair) called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. Brian Bosley, Helen Gallagher, and Walter Hope were also present. George Buck and Terry Lent were not in attendance.

Approval of Minutes:

Helen Gallagher made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2010 regular meeting. Walter Hope seconded the motion.

Vote: 4-0-0 (Motion Approved)

General Correspondence: Cynthia Stevens reported on the remaining budget.

Public Comment: None

Old Business:

- Carp re-stocking
 - Cynthia Stevens reviewed the Ball Pond Aquatic Plant Survey (7/28/09) and the Ball Pond Water Quality Data (6/17/09 and 9/18/09) prepared by Benson Environmental.
 - It is difficult to understand exactly what the data are suggesting since there is no narrative to explain them.
 - Brian Bosley recommended asking Benson Environmental to include a list of acceptable levels to give some perspective.
 - Brian Bosley asked that all previous years' reports be sent to him electronically so that he can assimilate the data and generate comparisons and trends over time for the Ball Pond Advisory Committee to review. Cynthia Stevens will follow up with George Benson.
 - A copy of the reports was sent to Pete Aarrestad from the CT DEP Fisheries Division.
 - The Ball Pond Advisory Committee will definitely request 200 fish; George Buck will file the application in March when he returns to CT.
- Town Beach
 - Cynthia Stevens reviewed the plans for the Ball Pond Town Park created by Didona Associates for Brian Bosley who had not seen them prior to this meeting.
 - A biologist and environmental officer from the State DOT looked at the site and the plans; they expressed agreement with the plans and agreed to work with the Ball Pond Advisory Committee on the drainage issues.
 - Walter Hope and Brian Bosley have looked at the storm drains near the Beach. Discussion ensued about the condition of the storm drains. The consensus is that the drains need to be fixed and cleaned. The State should be able to provide data on the operational effectiveness of the storm drains. Cynthia Stevens will bring the comments regarding drainage to her next meeting with Selectman Hodge.
 - The Town is in the middle of planning next year's proposed budget. \$10,000 was initially allocated to this project. It is unclear whether it will make it through the final mark-up.
 - Additional issues were discussed.

- Walter Hope believes the critical issue is to find out where and why the water is going places and to fix the pitch of the road.
 - Brian Bosley raised the issue of how to deal with homeowners who are not addressing their water issues – and who is responsible for doing so.
 - The group agreed that it does not want MORE drains/pipes going in the lake but rather that the existing pipes be made functional. It is critical that no fast running water pass through the Beach property.
- Delta
 - Cynthia Stevens reported that it seems apparent that the State DOT will not deal with the delta on the north end. They seem to feel it is the responsibility of the Town.
 - Cynthia Stevens spoke with Chuck Lee (DEP) and sent him Jim Mellett's study. He suggested getting an estimate for dredging from a contractor.

New Business:

Adjournment:

- The next regular meeting of the Ball Pond Advisory Committee will be on Tuesday, March 9, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Conference Room.
- Brian Bosley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 p.m.; Helen Gallagher seconded the motion.
Vote: 4-0-0 (Motion Approved)

Respectfully Submitted,

Darlene Anderson-Alexander
Recording Secretary