

Ball Pond Advisory Committee

MINUTES

March 9, 2010

7:00 p.m.

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

Cynthia Stevens (Chair) called the meeting to order at 7:14 p.m. Brian Bosley, George Buck, Helen Gallagher, and Terry Lent were also present. Walter Hope was not in attendance.

Approval of Minutes:

Helen Gallagher made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2010 regular meeting. Brian Bosley seconded the motion.

Vote: 5-0-0 (Motion Approved)

General Correspondence: None

Public Comment: None

Old Business:

- Carp re-stocking
 - The Ball Pond Advisory Committee will definitely request 200 carp. George Buck will file the application.

- Storm Drains
 - Cynthia Stevens explained the storm drain marking system that Jim McAlister, for the Candlewood Watershed Initiative, is proposing for area storm drains, including those around Ball Pond. Marking storm drains is an established method of educating the public about the fact that most storm drains go directly into waterways untreated. There are different types with a variety of slogans and graphics. It appears that, for this project, 4"x4" stainless steel markers attached to the face of the storm drains would be recommended. The cost would be \$5/marker. Volunteer labor would have to be supplied to clean/prep the storm drains and then attach the markers using a drill.
 - Committee members raised several points/questions.
 - Brian Bosley asked if all of the storm drains need to be marked.
 - George Buck would like a picture of storm drain markers being used successfully in another town in order to get a better sense of the tools needed to apply the markers, etc.
 - Terry Lent would like more specifics about the exact placement of the markers on the drains (i.e., related to snow plows, visibility).
 - Cynthia Stevens will follow up with Jim McAlister
 - Cynthia Stevens updated the Committee on the Town Park situation. She spoke with Jay Waterman, Town Finance Director, about the status of the \$10,000 that the First Selectman had discussed putting into the proposed 2010-2011 budget for the Ball Pond Project. He was unsure about whether or not it was included. Cynthia Stevens reiterated that this project addresses a drainage issue and is not merely cosmetic. Cynthia Stevens will follow up with Jay Waterman and report back to the Committee.

- Cynthia Stevens left a voicemail message for Ryan Antonovitch, from Paul Corrente's office in the Connecticut Department of Transportation's Environmental Office regarding the sandbar and the storm drains. The DOT has historically been reluctant to help with these issues since, although Ball Pond Road is a State Road (and the State hasn't put down sand for traction since 1997), the Town does use a sand/salt mix in some places.
- Cynthia Stevens took Chuck Lee's (DEP) suggestion and called Gene Nazzaro (contractor) about giving the Ball Pond Advisory Committee an estimate for dredging the sandbar. He plans to come out after the thaw.
 - Discussion ensued about what to do with the material once it is dredged (i.e., pay to have it carted away, go through the approval process to have it used as topsoil). This discussion was tabled to a future meeting closer to when the dredging will occur.

New Business:

- Cynthia Stevens entertained a motion to add "Hahlawah Preserve" to the agenda under New Business. Helen Gallagher made said motion. Terry Lent seconded the motion.
Vote: 5-0-0 (Motion Approved)
- Hahlawah Preserve
 - The issue of what to do with the abandoned canoes was discussed.
 - Cynthia Stevens reported that Bill McCann from the New Fairfield Land Trust confirmed with the police that the Friends of Ball Pond can take them.
 - The Friends will sell/auction them at their Annual Meeting in June, but they have to be moved from Hahlawah now.
 - Brian Bosley will cut them off their chains and transport them to Cynthia Stevens' property to be stored until the Annual Meeting. George Buck offered to help if needed.

Adjournment:

- The next regular meeting of the Ball Pond Advisory Committee will be on Tuesday, April 13, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Conference Room.
- Terry Lent made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 p.m.; Helen Gallagher seconded the motion.
Vote: 5-0-0 (Motion Approved)

Respectfully Submitted,

Darlene Anderson-Alexander
Recording Secretary