

Ball Pond Advisory Committee

**MINUTES**

May 11, 2010

7:00 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Ball Pond Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, May 11, 2010 in the Town Hall Conference Room.

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

Approval of Minutes:

Terry Lent made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2010 regular meeting. Brian Bosley seconded the motion.

Vote: 4-0-1 (Motion Approved)

General Correspondence:

- Brian Bosley reported that George Benson sent this year's weed data report to him electronically. Brian Bosley hopes to receive data from previous years, too, so that he can generate comparisons and trends over time for the Ball Pond Advisory Committee to review.
- Helen Gallagher reviewed a memo sent to the Ball Pond Advisory Committee from the Finance department regarding open purchase orders. Darlene Anderson-Alexander will contact Ed Sbordone for clarification.

Public Comment: None

Old Business:

- Carp Re-stocking
  - George Buck reported that 75 carp will be delivered tonight at about 10:00 p.m. The carp are 12"-14" and cost \$5.50 each. They will be stocked from the boat launch.
  - The carp supplier and trucking company agreed to have a check mailed to them after the delivery rather than requiring c.o.d.
  - George Buck reviewed the history of the carp program. At some point, he would like to write a letter to Bill Hyatt to thank him and Pete Aarrestad for their support of this project. All agreed that this would be a good idea.
- Storm Drains
  - Brian Bosley saw a State crew cleaning the storm drains on Route 39. He doesn't know if the outflow drain by the Town Beach was cleaned.
  - Nothing new to report regarding the storm drain marking program.

New Business:

Other Comments:

- George Buck reported that the DEP truckers who deliver the trout expressed to him that they are uncomfortable parking at the side of the road at the Town Beach. George Buck spoke with the Cavorly family and they said that the drivers can park in front of their house and walk across their property to stock the trout. The Western District Fisheries Director will notify the truckers in time for the stocking this Thursday (5/13).

- George Buck also reported that Inland Fisheries staff went on an electroshocking trip last night. He is concerned that the data may be misleading because of the cold snap (i.e., the fish tend to go deeper and may therefore be out of range).
- Discussion ensued about the on-going pink water lily issue. Walter Hope expressed his belief that eradication of this species on Ball Pond should be either all or nothing (i.e., money should be saved until a huge effort to get rid of all of them can be undertaken). He also believes that we should research how these lilies behave in terms of reproduction, etc. to get a better idea about how to eliminate them.
- Terry Lent distributed copies of "What is a Watershed?", a brochure produced by the USDA Soil Conservation Service.
- George Buck would like to make some semi-permanent signs regarding fishing regulations to post lake-side. Brian Bosley will work with George Buck to create the signs. Darlene Anderson-Alexander believes she can laminate them at the Library. She will check into that.

Adjournment:

- The next regular meeting of the Ball Pond Advisory Committee will be on Tuesday, June 8, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Conference Room.
- Walter Hope made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m.; Brian Bosley seconded the motion.

Vote: 5-0-0 (Motion Approved)

Respectfully Submitted,

Darlene Anderson-Alexander  
Recording Secretary