

Ball Pond Advisory Committee

MINUTES

January 11, 2011

7:00 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Ball Pond Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, January 11, 2011 in the Town Hall Conference Room.

Cynthia Stevens (Chair) called the meeting to order at 7:21 p.m. Brian Bosley, George Buck, and Helen Gallagher were also in attendance. Terry Lent was not in attendance.

Approval of Minutes:

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

Vote: 4-0-0 (Motion Approved)

General Correspondence:

- Cynthia Stevens received a memo from the Finance Department saying that there will be no need for budget presentations from committees this year because all departments have to come in with a 0% increase.

Public Comment: None

Old Business:

- Town Park
 - Cynthia Stevens reported that, as of this date, there has been no word on the Meserve Fund Grant application that she submitted on behalf of the Friends of Ball Pond on October 13th. Another meeting of the Meserve Memorial Foundation is scheduled for this week, so Cynthia Stevens is hoping to hear something soon.
 - Cynthia Stevens reported that there has been some interest from a Ball Pond resident to conduct a volunteer project (i.e., provide the materials and the workforce). The Committee discussed the potential problems with this regarding insurance, wetlands issues, etc. and believes the project should be handled primarily by professionals.
 - Discussion ensued about the types of fencing to be used and the need for excavating vs. using a raised bed. All of this is moot at this point since there is no committed money.
 - Cynthia Stevens reported that Dana Welles from the Community Trust expressed interest in supporting a project and would like a grant application submitted.
 - Brian Bosley requested a copy of the most recent proposal from Didona and Associates with the financials listed as well as a copy of the plans. Cynthia Stevens will provide this.
- BPAC Opening
 - Ron Belmont expressed interest in joining BPAC, but his application was denied since he does not vote in New Fairfield (he is a NY resident who owns property in New Fairfield).
 - Discussion ensued about the need to have an even distribution of political parties on the Committee. Cynthia Stevens will follow up with the offices of the Town Clerk and Selectmen to see if the statutes regarding this pertain to BPAC as an advisory committee vs. a commission.

- Other possibilities of residents to fill the open position were discussed.

New Business:

- Outlet grate
 - George Buck reported that he cleaned out the grate a couple of weeks ago. He found it very packed with leaves and debris. The water was really backing up into the Brook. He returned this week and found the water to be running freely.
 - The grate should really be cleaned out at least in November and the spring.
- Carp restocking
 - The lake was stocked with 75 carp last spring.
 - Discussion ensued about whether additional carp should be requested, the state of the weeds this past summer (especially coontail), and what can be done to efficiently manage them.
 - The consensus was that, to really make a difference, the lake should be stocked every year. Cynthia Stevens will email Pete Aarrestad to tell him that we will be submitting an application for additional carp. George Buck will submit the application when he returns to the area in the spring.
 - George Benson has requested that the water quality studies be sent directly to him. Darlene Anderson-Alexander will fax him the data from the 2010 studies this week.

Adjournment:

- The next regular meeting of the Ball Pond Advisory Committee will be on Tuesday, February 8, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Conference Room.
- Brian Bosley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m.; George Buck seconded the motion.

Vote: 4-0-0 (Motion Approved)

Respectfully Submitted,

Darlene Anderson-Alexander
Recording Secretary