

Ball Pond Advisory Committee

MINUTES

July 12, 2011

7:00 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Ball Pond Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, July 12, 2011 in the Town Hall Conference Room.

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

Approval of Minutes:

Brian Bosley made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 14, 2011 meeting. Terry Lent seconded the motion.

Vote: 4-0-0 (Motion Approved)

General Correspondence:

Darlene Anderson-Alexander provided Committee members with copies of the letter dated June 28, 2011 from the New Fairfield Planning Commission thanking Town boards and commissions for their feedback regarding the update of the Plan of Conservation and Development. Each board or commission is invited to send a representative to the July 25th meeting of the Planning Commission (Community Room at 33 Rte. 37, 8:00 p.m.)

Public Comment: Michael Podany was in attendance. Michael is attending UCONN, pursuing a Master's degree in Environmental Engineering, and is considering joining BPAC.

Old Business:

- Pink water lilies
 - Brian Bosley reported that he and Cynthia Stevens met with Bruce Lockhart after the June meeting to prioritize needs for pink water lily removal.
 - Bruce Lockhart and a crew of about 8 workers worked for a full day, focusing on the area around 43 Ball Pond Road East where there was a high concentration of lilies. They removed all of the debris from the site. The \$1376.00 was paid to Mr. Lockhart in FY 2010-2011.

- Town Park
 - Brian Bosley reported that, at the Parks & Recreation meeting on Monday, July 11th, a budget not to exceed \$10,000 for the proposed plan presented by Steve Merullo for the Ball Pond Park was approved. The initial bid came in at around \$8500. The remainder was requested for contingencies and, if some money is left, to repair the existing fence. The Town is pursuing bids.
 - The schematic of the plan that was presented to Parks & Recreation was reviewed (attached).
 - Helen Gallagher asked Brian Bosley to take "before" and "after" pictures of the property for the newspaper, the website, and for BPAC records.
 - George Buck expressed strong interest in BPAC pursuing the installation of another boat rack and developing a pay scale for the use of the racks similar to what is used on

Candlewood. He has already done some research on this topic and would like it discussed at a future meeting. All were in agreement that this could have good revenue potential for future up-keep and improvements of the property.

- A question was raised about the timeline for this project. Brian Bosley will follow up with Steve Merullo.
- It was suggested that the Friends of Ball Pond send out a letter to its members explaining the project and asking for residents who have boats on the property to remove them so that work may begin.

New Business:

- Zebra Mussels
 - George Buck reported that the Candlewood Lake Authority has been training volunteers to look for zebra mussels on boats coming into the water.
 - George Buck does not believe that zebra mussels will be too much of a problem for Ball Pond as it does not get the bass tournament traffic that Candlewood does. All agreed that it is something to be vigilant about in case it does become an issue.

Adjournment:

- The next regular meeting of the Ball Pond Advisory Committee will be on Tuesday, August 9, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Conference Room.
- Brian Bosley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m.; George Buck seconded the motion.

Vote: 4-0-0 (Motion Approved)

Respectfully Submitted,

Darlene Anderson-Alexander
Recording Secretary