

Ball Pond Advisory Committee

MINUTES

August 9, 2011

7:00 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Ball Pond Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, August 9, 2011 in the Town Hall Conference Room.

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

Approval of Minutes:

Helen Gallagher made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2011 meeting. Terry Lent seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-1 (Motion Approved)

General Correspondence:

- Cynthia Stevens reviewed the latest financial statement. There is \$3,400 remaining in the budget. Hydro Technologies was paid today for the water analysis conducted on 7/29/2011. Mike Coleman will be submitting his bill for diving.
- Cynthia Stevens reported that all existing BPAC members were reinstated by the Selectmen for additional two year terms.
- The Friends of Ball Pond will be holding their annual tag sale on Saturday, September 3, 2011.

Public Comment:

Old Business:

- Town Park
 - Brian Bosley reported that progress is being made on the Ball Pond Park project. He will confirm with Steve Merullo whether the existing fence will be repaired or a new one will be installed. Brian Bosley updated the Committee on where the boats that were remaining on site when the work began are being stored.
 - There are still questions about whether an additional boat rack should be built and if boat rack spots should be sold. Cynthia Stevens suggested compiling a list of all of the questions related to this project and presenting them at one time to Parks & Recreation.
 - The consensus of the Committee is that there be some sort of "ribbon cutting" ceremony/celebration to mark the opening of the "new" park and to publicly thank those involved in making it become a reality. Details will be discussed at the next regular meeting.
- Pink water lilies
 - Brian Bosley and George Buck have not had time yet to go out and pull up the roots of the lilies in the remaining "hot spots" on the lake, but they plan to do so. If that becomes impossible to schedule, BPAC may have to consider hiring Bruce Lockhart to bring his boat out to work for a few additional hours. Brian will follow up with Cynthia Stevens.

New Business:

- Election of Chair and Vice Chair
 - Cynthia Stevens entertained a motion to nominate a Chairperson.
Terry Lent nominated Cynthia Stevens to Chair the Ball Pond Advisory Committee for the next two years.
Helen Gallagher seconded the motion.
Vote: 4-0-0 (Motion Approved)
Cynthia Stevens accepted the Chair position.
 - Cynthia Stevens entertained a motion to nominate a Vice Chairperson.
Helen Gallagher nominated Brian Bosley to be the Vice Chair of the Ball Pond Advisory Committee for the next two years.
Terry Lent seconded the motion.
Vote: 4-0-0 (Motion Approved)
Brian Bosley accepted the Vice Chair position.
 - All thanked Helen Gallagher for her service as Vice Chair.
- Weed dive/carp application
 - Cynthia Stevens spoke with Tim Simpkins about the carp application. She will follow up with Mindy Barnett in the Department of Environmental Protection's Inland Fisheries Division.
- Lake mower
 - Cynthia Stevens reported that George Buck is interested in looking into the usefulness of the Town purchasing a "lake mower" for volunteers to use to manage weeds. She will forward specific information to the Committee for review before next month's meeting.
- Water testing results
 - Cynthia Stevens met with Tim Simpkins to review the results of the recent water testing. The lake is looking good with levels much the same as last year. Calcium was not directly tested, but the overall alkalinity was low. This would suggest low calcium levels which would not be able to support zebra mussels. The second set of tests will be completed shortly.
 - Cynthia Stevens will follow up with George Benson for the report on the weed dive.

Adjournment:

- The next regular meeting of the Ball Pond Advisory Committee will be on Tuesday, September 13, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Conference Room.
- Helen Gallagher made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m.; Brian Bosley seconded the motion.
Vote: 4-0-0 (Motion Approved)

Respectfully Submitted,

Darlene Anderson-Alexander
Recording Secretary