

Ball Pond Advisory Committee

**MINUTES**

October 11, 2012

7:00 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Ball Pond Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, October 11, 2012 in the Town Hall Lunch Room.

Brian Bosley called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m. George Buck, Helen Gallagher, and Terry Lent were also in attendance. Cynthia Stevens and Peter Viola were absent.

Approval of Minutes:

Terry Lent made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2012 regular meeting as amended (Old Business, Invasive Species, paragraph three: specify "Walton Lake in the mid-1990's". Helen Gallagher seconded the motion.

Vote: 4-0-0 (Motion Approved)

Terry Lent made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 9, 2012 regular meeting. Helen Gallagher seconded the motion.

Vote: 4-0-0

Helen Gallagher made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2012 special meeting. Terry Lent seconded the motion.

Vote: 4-0-0

General Correspondence:

- Brian Bosley reviewed the monthly financial summary.
- Mark Spellman was approved to be a member of the BPAC by the Selectmen on September 28, 2012. His next step is to take an oath of office in the Town Clerk's office.
- Brian Bosley and his family will be moving out of state at the end of the month and Brian will therefore be resigning as a member of the BPAC.

Public Comment: none

Old Business:

- Carp strategy
  - George Buck clarified his views on weed management. He believes that the weeds should be managed so that they cannot be seen and cannot be a hindrance to boaters. That requires additional fish. He suggested that the weed studies as well as observation need to be used to make decisions about the carp. He proposed that BPAC fund an additional weed study in June/July since the State is committed to keeping the consistent test date in August in order to compare data over time.
  - An application was submitted to the State for 206 carp. They have received the application but have not made a determination yet.
  - George Buck believes that it's too late now to stock and that the best case scenario would be to stock in the Spring of 2013.
- Composting

- Terry Lent reported on an email sent to the group by Cynthia Stevens. She said, “this [composting at the Town Dump] is not an option since the gardeners would not be insured on Town property. Also, public works says the smell of the rotting weeds is too bothersome. As it is, they have to take weeds from Candlewood to a farm in New Milford.”
- Terry Lent will contact Gary Mummert to let him know about this response. She will also give him Bruce Lockhart’s number to ask if he wants to dump the weeds directly at the Community Garden site. It was also suggested that Mr. Mummert contact Larry Marsicano at the Candlewood Lake Authority to see if he has any suggestions.

New Business:

Other Business:

Brian Bosley asked about the status of the raft in the middle of the lake. Helen Gallagher reported that it appears to be gone.

Adjournment:

- The next regular meeting of the Ball Pond Advisory Committee will be on Thursday, November 8, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Conference Room.
- Helen Gallagher made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m.; George Buck seconded the motion.

Vote: 4-0-0 (Motion Approved)

Respectfully Submitted,

Darlene Anderson-Alexander  
Recording Secretary