

Ball Pond Advisory Committee

MINUTES

August 9, 2012

7:00 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Ball Pond Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, August 9, 2012 in the Town Hall Conference Room.

Helen Gallagher called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. Terry Lent and Peter Viola were also in attendance. Brian Bosley arrived at 7:25. Cynthia Stevens and George Buck were absent.

Approval of Minutes:

Helen Gallagher entertained a motion to table the approval of the minutes of the July 10, 2012 meeting to the September 13th meeting. Terry Lent made the said motion. Peter Viola seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion Approved)

Darlene Anderson-Alexander will check with the Town Clerk to see if minutes of a meeting can be voted on by members who were not at the said meeting.

General Correspondence: Helen Gallagher reviewed the monthly financial summary.

Public Comment: Mark Spellman was in attendance. He has gone through the process of seeking the Selectmen's approval to serve on the Ball Pond Advisory Committee. It is anticipated that he will be sworn in by the September BPAC meeting.

Old Business:

- Weed dive
 - Terry Lent read into the record the following text from an email from George Buck:

“The one thing I had for the meeting was the weed dive. I also did an analysis of grass carp attrition going back to 1997 at a 10% attrition rate and including the new fish added during subsequent stockings. We have stocked six times over the years for a total of 881 grass carp and at the 10% attrition rate we currently have 374 grass carp remaining of various sizes. I don't think this is enough and I think our attrition rate is higher. That will be the debate this fall. I also think that the coontail is harder to eat and has more bio-mass than milfoil and that creates a problem for us.
Bottom line is if we use 15% attrition rate we will need a big stocking to get back on balance.”
 - Discussion ensued about carp stocking in order to clarify exactly when and how many stockings have taken place and to generate a data-driven request for carp in the fall.
 - Mark Spellman (public) offered to generate a spreadsheet to determine carp needs which he will forward to the group for review and specifically to George Buck for his input.
 - The group suggested that “carp” be an agenda item for September’s BPAC meeting.
- Town Park

- Brian Bosley reported that Public Works mowed the Town Park after being called by Cynthia Stevens. Mowing was part of the original agreement and Cynthia Stevens asked Public Works if they could put it on their list of regularly-scheduled tasks.
- Water testing
 - The results of the 6/28/12 test were reviewed. Brian Bosley will graph these results along with the two previous years' data to show if/how the lake is changing in composition.

New Business:

- Raft in the middle of the lake
 - Mark Spellman (public) believes he knows who the owner of the abandoned raft is. He will talk to this individual and see what his plans are for the raft. Brian Bosley offered to use his motorized boat (will notify the police first) and trailer to transport the raft to the Town Drop-Off Center if the owner is willing to pay the dumping fee. Mark Spellman will follow-up with Brian Bosley.

Adjournment:

- The next regular meeting of the Ball Pond Advisory Committee will be on Thursday, September 13, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Conference Room.
- Helen Gallagher made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m.; Terry Lent seconded the motion.

Vote: 4-0-0 (Motion Approved)

Respectfully Submitted,

Darlene Anderson-Alexander
Recording Secretary