

Ball Pond Advisory Committee

MINUTES

May 9, 2013

7:00 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Ball Pond Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, May 9, 2013 in the Town Hall Conference Room.

Cynthia Stevens called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. George Buck, Helen Gallagher, Terry Lent and Mark Spellmann were also in attendance. Peter Viola was absent.

Approval of Minutes:

Helen Gallagher made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2013 regular meeting with a correction made to the amount of money that will be paid to Keo Fish Farms for carp stocking. Terry Lent seconded the motion.

Vote: 5-0-0 (Motion Approved)

General Correspondence:

- Cynthia Stevens reviewed the statement from the finance department on the budget for the Ball Pond Advisory Committee. After \$1456.25 is paid out for the carp, \$878.75 will remain in the Materials and Supplies Line which will go towards water quality testing in June and pink water Lily extraction. The salary line has been charged only \$285.65 to date and \$1026.35 remains through June.
- In other correspondence, Cynthia Stevens reviewed with the committee the contents of the letter that she received at her home address from Michael Raso of 150 Ball Pond Rd. asking to be on the agenda of the BPAC meeting to discuss issues regarding his property. The letter outlined his plans for his property which would include a lawn, tiered ground, sea wall and dock. He mentioned that all the vehicles on his property were registered. Upon receipt of Mr. Raso's letter, Ms. Stevens said she replied by mail encouraging him to attend the meeting but indicating that the Ball Pond Advisory Committee would not be able to comment on any actions taken by the Wetlands Commission or the Zoning Commission.

Public Comment:

Old Business:

- 35 Ball Pond Road East
 - Ms. Stevens reported on the last Wetlands Commission meeting in which Joseph Riley of 35 Ball Pond Rd. E. submitted his application for a new garage and a 20 x 20' beach which would go into the water. BPAC members voiced concerns specifically about the introduction of a beach in the water for four major reasons: the homeowner does not own the land under the water, sand would load nutrients into the pond and exonerate weed growth, the addition of more sand would not work to preserve the national condition of the Lake, and we already excavated a significant amount of road sand about eight years ago that had eroded into the lake and the sand has started to return. Furthermore, the construction of a 24' x 24' garage

would add significant impermeable surface to the property and therefore increase the runoff onto the land that would erode into the lake.

- A discussion ensued about creating a do's and don'ts list for Ball Pond residents that would point out such things as the importance of not cutting down trees at the shoreline and putting sand in Ball Pond. The group agreed to review the wetlands regulations at our next meeting and in the meantime send ideas for the list to Cynthia Stevens who will compile it.
- Carp stocking
 - Regarding the carp stocking, George Buck has established a three-week window with Keo Fish Farms for the delivery at the end of May and first two weeks of June.

New Business:

- 150 Ball Pond Road
 - No one was present at the meeting to discuss 150 Ball Pond Rd.

Adjournment:

- The next regular meeting of the Ball Pond Advisory Committee will be on Thursday, June 13, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Conference Room.
- Helen Gallagher made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m.; Terry Lent seconded the motion.

Vote: 5-0-0 (Motion Approved)

Respectfully Submitted,

Darlene Anderson-Alexander
Recording Secretary