

Ball Pond Advisory Committee

MINUTES

September 12, 2013

7:00 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Ball Pond Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, September 12, 2013 in the Town Hall Conference Room.

Cynthia Stevens called the meeting to order at 7:00. Terry Lent and Mark Spellmann were also in attendance. George Buck was not in attendance. Helen Gallagher was in attendance as a non-voting member as she is awaiting re-appointment by the Board of Selectmen.

Approval of Minutes:

Mark Spellmann made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 15, 2013 special meeting; Terry Lent seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion Approved)

General Correspondence:

Cynthia Stevens reported on the status of the budget. There is currently \$3345.00 remaining in the 2013-14 budget: approximately \$700 still to be paid to diver Mike Coleman for the July weed dive and \$700 for the planned June 2014 weed dive; approximately \$500 will be put towards the removal of pink water lilies this fall and another \$700 for water lab tests this September and next June. More carp stocking is planned.

Public Comment: None

Old Business:

- Weed update
 - Cynthia Stevens updated the group on the weeds. Mindy Barnett sent Cynthia Stevens an email with the following key information:
 - She and Peter Arrestad will supply staff and a boat for another weed dive in June in addition to the traditional annual early August dive (Cynthia Stevens added that limnologist George Benson will perform the weed analysis gratis; BPAC will need to pay a diver and for water testing).
 - Mindy Barnett says that she needs to see the updated weed data before agreeing to raise the grass carp stocking rate. She will also consider the stocking for spring based on the data. Cynthia Stevens reminded the group that stocking annually beyond attrition has not been guaranteed.
 - Mindy Barnett sent Cynthia Stevens excerpts of the 2013 South Carolina Aquatic Plant Management Plan and the Santee Cooper Grass Carp Maintenance Stocking Summary with a caution to remember that there is a difference between the ecosystems of South Carolina and Connecticut.
 - Cynthia Stevens raised the suggestion that George Buck made in August about removing the unsightly weeds in open, common areas. This is a moot point now as the season has progressed, but something to keep in mind for next year.
- Pink water lilies
 - Cynthia Stevens followed up with Matt Vogt from New England Aquatic Services about the pink water lilies, and he plans to eradicate them this month.

New Business:

- Election of chairman
 - Cynthia Stevens entertained the motion to table the election of chairman to the next meeting when George Buck will be present and Helen Gallagher will presumably be re-appointed as a voting member.
 - Mark Spellmann made the said motion; Terry Lent seconded the motion.
 - Vote 3-0-0

Other:

- Cynthia Stevens entertained a motion to add "Removal of trees in lake" to the agenda
 - Mark Spellmann made the said motion; Terry Lent seconded the motion.
 - Vote 3-0-0
 - Discussion ensued about leaving fallen trees in the water as part of the natural cycle of life vs. removing them to prevent a build-up of decomposition matter which mucks up the relatively small pond.
 - Mark Spellmann asked that this be an agenda item for the October meeting so that the entire committee can weigh in. All present agreed.

Adjournment:

- The next regular meeting of the Ball Pond Advisory Committee will be on Thursday, October 10, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Conference Room.
- Mark Spellmann made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m.; Terry Lent seconded the motion.
 - Vote: 3-0-0 (Motion Approved)

Respectfully Submitted,

Darlene Anderson-Alexander
Recording Secretary