

Ball Pond Advisory Committee

MINUTES

November 13, 2014

7:00 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Ball Pond Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, November 13, 2014 in the Town Hall conference room.

Chairman Cynthia Stevens called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Helen Gallagher, Terry Lent, and Gary Mummert were also in attendance. George Buck and Mark Spellmann arrived at 7:03.

Approval of Minutes:

Helen Gallagher made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 11, 2014 regular meeting. Terry Lent seconded the motion.

Vote: 5-0-1 (Motion Approved)

General Correspondence:

Cynthia Stevens reviewed the budget and recent expenditures. There is \$2,382.35 remaining in the weed management line to tackle coon tail, pink water lilies, and yellow pond lilies in May and June.

Public Comment:

Old Business:

- Motors on Ball Pond
 - The DEEP has said that since the ban on motors is a Town ordinance, it will no longer attempt to enforce it, nor will the State continue to mount a special sign on the prohibition of motors.
 - The DEEP sign that was there was removed repeatedly, apparently by boaters with electric motors who were spotted on the lake a few times in the early Fall.
 - The conundrum is that the State won't allow the Town or anyone else to post signs at the launch, and the State's standard laminated sign on the bulletin board outlining boating regulations refers to use of motors in such a way that a visitor would not know that the motors are banned on Ball Pond.
 - Cynthia Stevens has had various exchanges with Michael Payton of the DEEP and will call him to discuss the generic State sign that currently is posted.
 - George Buck suggested that we look into posting signs along Ball Pond Road East at the driveway into the Boat Launch that would say: "Gas and Electric Motors are Prohibited on Ball Pond." Cynthia will explore the matter further.

- Grant Application to the State
 - Cynthia reported that the State was only starting to review grant applications for invasive weed control projects in early November. This was surprising because the winners are supposed to be announced by November 26th.
 - Cynthia Stevens also said that Mark June-Wells, the researcher who BPAC hopes will do the carp study with a grant, let her know that he is leaving his current firm to "go out on his own." The Committee agreed that this didn't pose a problem for our application because he was identified as the person who would do statistical analysis and write a peer-reviewed

article about the results for a scientific journal. Moreover, no contract was signed with his former firm.

New Business:

Other Business:

Mark Spellmann raised the idea of allowing Committee members to participate and vote in the meetings electronically when they are unable to attend in person. Cynthia Stevens will pursue this matter with the Town Clerk.

Adjournment:

- The next regular meeting of the Ball Pond Advisory Committee will be on Thursday, January 8, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Conference Room.
- Mark Spellmann made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m.; George Buck seconded the motion.

Vote: 6-0-0 (Motion Approved)

Respectfully Submitted,

Darlene Anderson-Alexander
Recording Secretary