

Ball Pond Advisory Committee

MINUTES

March 13, 2014

7:00 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Ball Pond Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, March 13, 2014 in the Town Hall Conference Room.

Chairman Cynthia Stevens called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. Helen Gallagher, Terry Lent, Gary Mummert, and Mark Spellmann were in attendance. George Buck was absent.

Approval of Minutes:

Gary Mummert made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2014 regular meeting. Terry Lent seconded the motion.

Vote: 5-0-0 (Motion Approved)

General Correspondence:

Cynthia Stevens reviewed the monthly statement from Finance.

Public Comment: None

Old Business:

- Zebra Mussels
 - Cynthia Stevens discussed the photos showing zebra mussels that had been distributed to BPAC members previously, and discussed the threat to Ball Pond because of its high calcium levels. Lakes Lillinonah, Zoar and East and West Twin in Connecticut have already been invaded by this organism.
 - Since Ball Pond is endangered by boaters who travel from lake to lake, a discussion ensued about how best to ensure that people clean their boats.
 - Cynthia Stevens will follow up with Larry Marsicano on the pros and cons of Clorox and vinegar and the extent to which they may harm vegetation and fisheries
 - Cynthia Stevens will call Michael Peyton in the DEEP boating division to see what could be done to accommodate larger signs and some kind of stand to provide squirt bottles and brushes for a do-it-yourself clean up.
- Trees in the Lake
 - Cynthia Stevens reported that she had trees from her property that had fallen into the lake removed by an arborist (her brother) while the ice is still solid and encouraged others to do the same.
 - Cynthia Stevens' brother, Craig Stevens, is available to do this work, as is Timberwolf (Chris Constantino) who lives locally and has provided this winter service on Ball Pond in the past.
- Budget
 - Cynthia Stevens updated the group on the news that our proposed budget for FY 2014-15 of \$8,025.00 is working its way through the process and so far, is intact. She urged everyone to watch the Citizen News for announcements about budget hearings before the town votes on the budget in the Spring.

New Business:

- NEC-NALMS (New England Chapter of the North American Lake Management Society) conference in June
 - Cynthia Stevens briefed BPAC on the annual conference and said that she has been invited to participate in a panel on “community success stories” to discuss the collaboration of town, state and community in the carp project which successfully eliminated milfoil. She encouraged other members to attend the two-day conference on June 13-14 which offers a raft of workshops on what homeowners can do for their lakes.
 - Cynthia Stevens will find out how much attendance will cost.
 - The conference will take place at the University of Connecticut in Storrs.

Other:

- Gary Mummert suggested all BPAC members car pool to the meetings and all agreed to do so when feasible.
- Gary Mummert said that he will be taking a course on organic lawns and that he might be able to speak on the topic at a public meeting. The Friends of Ball Pond annual meeting on May 17 was proposed as a good opportunity and Cynthia Stevens said she would follow up with FBP president, Mary Yulo, to suggest it.

Adjournment:

- The next regular meeting of the Ball Pond Advisory Committee will be on Thursday, April 10, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Conference Room.
- Terry Lent made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m.; Mark Spellmann seconded the motion.

Vote: 5-0-0 (Motion Approved)

Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia Stevens
Chair and Acting Recording Secretary