

Ball Pond Advisory Committee

**MINUTES**

May 8, 2014

7:00 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Ball Pond Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, May 8, 2014 in the Town Hall Conference Room.

Chairman Cynthia Stevens called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. George Buck, Helen Gallagher, Terry Lent, Gary Mummert, and Mark Spellmann (arrived at 7:07) were in attendance.

Approval of Minutes:

Gary Mummert made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 10, 2014 regular meeting as amended. Terry Lent seconded the motion.

Vote: 5-0-1 (Motion Approved)

General Correspondence:

Cynthia Stevens reviewed the monthly statement from Finance. Cynthia Stevens will contact George Benson to submit his bill so that the PO can be closed. Cynthia Stevens spoke with Ed Sbordone to request a transfer of money from the "salary" to "weed control" line. This requires the approval of the Selectmen; Ed Sbordone will follow up.

Public Comment: None

Old Business:

- NEC-NALMS Conference
  - <https://sites.google.com/site/necnalms/conference>
  - Cynthia Stevens will be presenting on Saturday afternoon:

**Session 2: 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.**

Session	Topic	Talk Title / Presenter
A.	Aquatic Invasive Plant Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Battle for Candlewood Lake: Can the Invaders be Stopped? <i>Gregory J. Bugbee &amp; Jordan A. Gibbons Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station Department of Environmental Sciences</i></li> <li>• A Method for Determining Risk of Invasion and Surveying for Non-native Aquatic Macrophyte Species in Lakes. <i>Mark June-Wells, PhD., New England Environmental, Inc.</i></li> <li>• First Stocking of Triploid Grass Carp in a Public CT Lake. <i>Cynthia Stevens, Ball Pond Advisory Committee</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Location:</b> Ballroom (Rm. 331), Student Union Building</p>

- Weed Control
  - Gary Mummert reported seeing coontail washing up near his house already.
  - George Buck sent Peter Aarrestad an email regarding whether the State had the early data of the carp project but has had no reply.
  - George Buck raised the possibility of a solar-powered air pump that would stay in the middle of the lake to aerate it. A discussion ensued regarding the pros and cons. George

Buck suggested that members do some research on their own and that the concept be considered at a future meeting.

- Cynthia Stevens and George Buck discussed Dr. Rolff Martin's proposal for the use of technology for environmental water quality monitoring and testing, specifically that offered by YSI (<http://www.ysi.com/index.php>). At this point in time, the system seems cost prohibitive. Dr. Martin may be available for data analysis if the historic weed data can be located.
- Budget
  - The proposed Town budget for FY14-15 passed at the vote on April 26, 2014

#### New Business:

- Docks
  - No one has claimed the rogue, orphaned dock
    - Cynthia Stevens is concerned about the liability of a raft/dock in the water and the potential for unsupervised use by youth
  - Several options were discussed for dealing with the dock. BPAC members will work on a reasonable solution.
- Ball Pond Town Park
  - The fence on right hand side of the property is in poor condition
  - The Friends of Ball Pond would like to see the fence repaired and may be willing to help with that
  - Gary Mummert and Mark Spellmann will go to look at the property, consider some options regarding the fence, and will report back at the June meeting.

#### Other:

- Gary Mummert asked if there was an update about Zebra mussels. Should we be looking for volunteers to monitor boats going into Ball Pond? Cynthia Stevens suggested bringing it up at the next Friends meeting. There is training offered to volunteers through the State.

#### Adjournment:

- The next regular meeting of the Ball Pond Advisory Committee will be on Thursday, June 12, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Conference Room.
- Helen Gallagher made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 p.m.; George Buck seconded the motion.

Vote: 6-0-0 (Motion Approved)

Respectfully Submitted,

Darlene Anderson-Alexander  
Recording Secretary