

Ball Pond Advisory Committee

MINUTES

March 12, 2015

7:00 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Ball Pond Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, March 12, 2015 in the Town Hall conference room.

Chairman Cynthia Stevens called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm. Helen Gallagher, Terry Lent, and Gary Mummert were also in attendance. George Buck and Mark Spellmann were not in attendance.

Approval of Minutes:

Gary Mummert made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2015 regular meeting. Helen Gallagher seconded the motion.

Vote: 4-0-0 (Motion Approved)

General Correspondence: Cynthia Stevens reported that Tim Simpkins received the contract for the DEEP grant; he would like Cynthia Stevens to keep the contract in her files.

Cynthia Stevens presented monthly financial summary.

Public Comment: none

Old Business:

- Carp stocking
 - The State approved 150 carp for delivery in May 2015.
 - Although BPAC requested 175, it is encouraging that they granted permission for 150.
 - Paperwork is in process at the State level for the liberation permit.
 - Cynthia Stevens contacted Keo Fish Farm; spoke with Anderson Trucking – he needs a copy of the liberation permit as well.
 - The water temperature will need to be warm enough in Ball Pond before the carp are introduced.
 - Estimated cost = about \$1500 (\$4.75/fish plus trucking)

New Business:

- Cynthia Stevens entertained a motion to add “Ball Pond Outlet” to New Business following “Erosion control”. Helen Gallagher made the said motion. Terry Lent seconded the motion.
Vote: 4-0-0 (Motion Approved)
- Introductions of potential new BPAC member
 - Dave Winslow has sent a letter to the Selectmen asking to be appointed to BPAC
 - Cynthia Stevens shared Dave’s background (PhD in Geology) and introduced him to the group
- Erosion control
 - Cynthia Stevens is concerned about sand on road after this rough winter – especially the run-off from Sunswept Drive

- Cynthia Stevens is going to call the Department of Public Works to ask them to make that area a priority given that it will run off into Ball Pond
- The gravel near the State Boat Launch needs to be re-done. Discussion ensued about whose responsibility that would be (i.e., State or Town). Cynthia Stevens will ask Bobby Rzasa, Public Works Director, about that area as well. There are many areas of run-off as well as clogged drains. Cynthia Stevens asked Gary Mummert to contact the State DOT.
- Ball Pond Outlet
 - The grate on the Outlet is clogged; George Buck usually opens it and clears it but he's not back in Town yet. There is concern that flooding will occur as the thaw continues.
 - Cynthia Stevens asked Gary Mummert to open the grate and clear it; he agreed to do it as soon as possible.

Other:

- Weed dive
 - Cynthia Stevens reported that Tim Simpkins recommends still doing the weed dive in June 2015 to chart the difference in weed presence between June and July. We've maintained there were more weeds in June than July although last year that wasn't the case. The difference could affect carp stocking numbers. Cynthia Stevens said the State will require us to continue the weed dive in July regardless to keep consistent with historical data.
 - Cynthia Stevens entertained a motion to schedule the weed dive for June; Terry Lent made the said motion; Helen Gallagher seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. Gary Mummert questioned the sense of spending the money if it will be done again in July.
Vote: 3-1-0 (Motion Approved)
- 148 Ball Pond Road
 - Concerns continue about the boulders and vehicles on the property. Cynthia Stevens will follow up with Tim Simpkins.

Adjournment:

- The next regular meeting of the Ball Pond Advisory Committee will be on Thursday, April 9, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Conference Room.
- Gary Mummert made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 p.m.; Terry Lent seconded the motion.
Vote: -0-0 (Motion Approved)

Respectfully Submitted,

Darlene Anderson-Alexander
Recording Secretary