

Ball Pond Advisory Committee

MINUTES

July 9, 2015

7:00 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Ball Pond Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, July 9, 2015 in the Town Hall conference room.

Gary Mummert called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. George Buck, Helen Gallagher, and Dave Winslow were in attendance. Terry Lent and Cynthia Stevens were not in attendance. Mark Spellmann arrived at 7:07 p.m. Cynthia Stevens joined the meeting via cellphone at 7:09 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

Dave Winslow made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 11, 2015 regular meeting. Helen Gallagher seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-0-1 (Motion Approved)

General Correspondence: Gary Mummert reviewed the open purchase orders for 2015-2016.

Public Comment: none

Old Business:

- Weed removal update
 - Matt Vogt (New England Aquatic Services) should be contacting Gary Mummert shortly about weed removal on Ball Pond; Cynthia Stevens will contact Matt to remind him.
- Status of Carp Study
 - Cynthia Stevens reported that Mark June-Wells expects to have a first draft of the report ready by August; it will be circulated to Ball Pond Advisory Committee members for review
- Report on Carp Release at Candlewood
 - George Buck said it went very smoothly
 - The main shipment came to Danbury from Arkansas on June 26th. The carp were split into other trucks provided by Todd Bobowick of Rowledge Pond Aquaculture and were delivered to 10 stocking sites around Candlewood Lake (in New Fairfield, Sherman, New Milford, and Danbury).
 - Over 3,800 carp were stocked.
 - The Town of New Fairfield held a ceremony and luncheon. Cynthia Stevens was acknowledged.
 - Ball Pond got some press and recognition for being a leader in this effort at the WestConn conference that George Buck attended earlier this spring as well. Larry Marsicano, Director of the Candlewood Lake Authority, has given Ball Pond a lot of credit.
 - 50 fish were supposed to be outfitted with GPSs but the devices did not arrive in time. Todd Bobowick, who gets carp from Keo periodically, will order extras and then the GPS devices will be inserted. Each fish will be able to be tracked individually.
 - Cynthia Stevens reported that George Buck has gotten recognition in a variety of arenas.
 - Gary Mummert was happy with the tone of the article in the Citizen News (July 1, 2015, pg. 1)

- All present thanked George Buck and Cynthia Stevens for their on-going effort.

Other

- Cynthia Stevens asked about the outlet
 - Gary Mummert said it looked pretty bad the last time he saw it.
 - George Buck reported that even though we had a huge flooding storm, it receded pretty quickly.
 - George Buck said he would go over with a rake to clean it out.
- Mark Spellmann brought up the town park
 - He believes there is still a need for a trash can.
 - He said stones are beginning to fall out of the stone wall; Gary Mummert will look at it. Helen Gallagher suggested that a Ball Pond resident who is a mason and who has helped her in the past may be willing to repair it; Mark Spellmann will contact him.
- Gary Mummert reported that he is still working on obtaining milkweed for the Monarch butterflies. Mark Spellmann said that the butterfly garden looks good.

New Business:

Adjournment:

- The next regular meeting of the Ball Pond Advisory Committee will be on Thursday, August 13, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Conference Room.
- Mark Spellmann made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:43; Helen Gallagher seconded the motion.

Vote: 5-0-0 (Motion Approved)

Respectfully Submitted,

Darlene Anderson-Alexander
Recording Secretary