

Ball Pond Advisory Committee

Minutes

May 5, 2016

7:00 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Ball Pond Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, May 5, 2016 in the Town Hall's conference room.

Chairman Cynthia Stevens called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Members Helen Gallagher, Gary Mummert, and Dave Winslow were in attendance. Four members are enough for a quorum. George Buck was absent. Mark Spellmann arrived at 7:10 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

Cynthia Stevens made an amendment under Old Business, Carp Study, regarding an Anonymous donor. The donation was given to the Friends of Ball Pond, then to the town of New Fairfield.

Gary Mummert made a revision under New Business, the Grate section. He asked that the word "sand" in the second item be changed to "debris". He requested that in addition we add that a volunteer party was suggested for cleaning the brook.

A motion to accept the Minutes of April 7, 2016, as amended was by Helen Gallagher. The motion was seconded by Gary Mummert. The motion passed.

Vote: 4-0-0 (Motion Approved)

General Correspondence: none

Public Comment: none

Old Business:

Carp Study

- Cynthia Stevens has received no reaction from the state yet regarding the request for 200 carp. Once a permit is issued there is 60 days for restocking. Cynthia was planning on meeting with Peter Aarrestad to make final revisions to the manuscript. Cynthia felt the manuscript would be complete by the end of May.

Budget

- The proposed BPAC budget for 2016/2017 appears to have everything requested in it. It now needs to go to the town for a vote.

Weed Removal

- Matt Vogt, of New England Aquatic Services, is meeting with Cynthia Stevens on June 1 at 10 am at her home on Satterlee Rd. to review satellite images of Ball Pond and to receive input from Matt on the location and extent of the weeds. Cynthia invited Gary Mummert to join them. Cynthia will report their findings to the BPAC at the June 2 meeting.
 - Cynthia asked that the other committee members paddle around Ball Pond in May to gauge the weed locations.
 - Gary Mummert asked that the weed removal take into consideration the nesting Swans at the north end of the lake. He does not want them disturbed. Cygnets (baby swans) could arrive in May or June.

Grant

- Dave Winslow submitted a grant request through his company. If his company selects his proposal, the BPAC would receive \$2500 towards weed removal or additional carp. He should hear before June 7, which is his next Shareholder's meeting.

New Business

Dredging

- Selectman Mike Gill mentioned to Cynthia Stevens that Matt Vogt of Northeast Aquatic Services may be dredging by the south end fire hydrant at Ball Pond. Matt has a suction dredging machine. Tim Simkins, Environmental Enforcement Officer, was able to approve the project. Should the BPAC decide to do this, they need to take into consideration the disposal of the dredged materials, and the expense, which could cost as much as \$4500 for a 15 foot diameter.

Adjournment

- The next regular meeting of the Ball Pond Advisory Committee will be held Thursday, June 2, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Conference Room.
- Gary Mummert made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m. Mark Spellmann seconded the motion.

Vote: 5-0-0 (Motion Approved)

Respectfully Submitted

Lisa Arasim
Recording Secretary