

Ball Pond Advisory Committee

Minutes

Regular Meeting, Tuesday February 5, 2019

7:00 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Ball Pond Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, February 5, 2019. Cynthia Stevens called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm.

Members in Attendance

Committee members Cynthia Stevens (Chair), Pete Viola, Gary Mummert and Helen Gallagher were present.

Approval of Minutes from December 18, 2018:

Gary Mummert made a motion to accept the Minutes from December 18, 2018. Pete Viola seconded.

Vote: 4-0-0 (Motion passed)

A motion was made to add ATVs on Ball Pond ice to the agenda under New Business by Pete Viola. Gary Mummert seconded the motion.

Vote: 4-0-0 (Motion passed)

A motion was made to add the Budget to the agenda under Old Business by Pete Viola. Gary Mummert seconded the motion.

Vote: 4-0-0 (Motion passed)

NEW BUSINESS:

BPAC historical files, maps and brochures

Cynthia Stevens brought a bin filled with files, map and brochures to give to any committee members who might be interested in keeping them. She also had some items for Mark Spellmann for Friends of Ball Pond. Included were items such as the Ball Pond Lake Management Plan, a Site Layout and Piping Plan for a tower at the southern end of Ball Pond, a book entitled *Hand Book for Developing Watershed Plans to Restore and Protect Waters*, a Ball Pond Study and report from 1996, a book entitled *Diet for a Small Lake, a Living in Harmony with Streams* booklet, stationary, and some pamphlets from conferences she attended. She has only gotten through half of her files.

Trees at Ball Pond Brook:

Cynthia Stevens mentioned that a number of trees (as many as 20) along Ball Pond Brook near Welden Woods on Ball Pond Road East had been taken down for a permitted residential construction project. She is concerned about silt and sand clogging the brook. Gary Mummert expressed concern over erosion. It was Cynthia's understanding that trees cannot be removed

within 200 feet of a water body. Gary's understanding is that the Conservation and Wetlands Commission covers anything organic being removed that affects a water course. He plans to attend their next meeting (they have not published their 2019 calendar yet) to express his concerns.

ATVs are being used on the ice:

Kids have been using ATVs on the ice and towing kids on sleds behind them. They may be launching them from Hahlawah Preserve. Gary mentioned that the Game Preserve only defines motors as boats on the pond. Pete Viola believes it may include gas-operated vehicles. Gary felt the drills used by ice fisherman may need to be included. Gary and Pete discussed changing the ordinance to include all gas-operated devices. Cynthia had called the police regarding the ATVs, who apparently had received calls from other residents. Besides safety, the committee is concerned about oil and gas getting into the pond.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Budget

Cynthia Stevens and Mark Spellmann of the Ball Pond Advisory Committee met with Selectman Khris Hall, First Selectman Pat Del Monico and Finance to review the 2019-2020 budget. BPAC was requesting \$10,000. Currently BPAC has \$5,000 encumbered that will probably be returned. It was recommended that the BPAC weed budget be reduced by \$2,000. That means a new budget of \$8,000. If more is needed it can be requested.

Adjournment

Pete Viola made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 p.m. Gary Mummert seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Next meeting:

The next Regular meeting of the Ball Pond Advisory Committee is Tuesday, **March 5, 2019** at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Conference Room.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Arasim
Recording Secretary