

**Ball Pond Advisory Committee
Minutes**

Regular Meeting, Tuesday March 5, 2019
7:00 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Ball Pond Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, March 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, Mark Spellmann and Helen Gallagher were present.

Approval of Minutes from February 5, 2019:

Gary Mummert made a motion to accept the Minutes from February 5, 2019 as ammended. Pete Viola seconded.

Vote: 5-0-0 (Motion passed)

General Correspondence:

Cynthia Stevens reported there is \$5000 encumbered and \$421.80 in the salary budget.

NEW BUSINESS:

Carp Stocking:

Peter Aarrestad, Director of CT DEEP Inland Fisheries Division, informed Cynthia that there would be no carp restocking at this time.

Cynthia had been contacted by a Biology teacher from Danbury who ice fishes on Ball Pond. He had noticed fewer weeds. Cynthia connected him with committee member George Buck. George responded with a thoughtful email that referenced the Lake Management Conference he had attended a couple of months ago in which several area lakes reported the same lack of weeds. Cynthia shared George's feedback with Peter Aarrestad.

Detention basins:

Gary Mummert shared a photo of the detention basin across the street from Helen Gallagher's home on Ball Pond East. The detention basin was filled and almost overflowing. Gary spoke with Russ Loudon of Public Works. Mr. Loudon responded that the detention basin is working properly now. Other detention basins on Ball Pond East and by the State boat launch are high as well, but not filled to the top. The two by the boat launch will need to be cleaned out. Gary will stay on top of it.

BPAC historical files, maps and brochures

Cynthia Stevens brought another box filled with files, map and brochures to give to any committee members who might be interested in keeping them. Some of those items included maps prepared by Jim Mellett from July of 2007 showing sediment locations, 1995 Bylaws for Friends of Ball Pond, various studies from 1979 and 1982, a 1934 aerial photo of Ball Pond

showing several farms, a Ball Pond Lake Management Plan and project, some books and articles, correspondence, chemical treatments in Ball Pond, carp fact sheets and more.

Damage to Town Beach:

Mark Spellmann reported receiving an email from Linda Farinha of New Fairfield's Finance department stating the town is persuing the driver of the car that caused damage driving through the fence at Ball Pond's beach.

Trees at Ball Pond Brook:

In February it was reported that a number of trees had been taken down and stump grinded along Ball Pond Brook near Welden Woods on Ball Pond Road East. Gary Mummert has not attended a Conservation and Wetlands Commission meeting yet to discuss. Gary added that detention ponds need to be dug out every ten years to remove sediment, which can be costly.

Adjournment

Pete Viola made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m. Mark Spellman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Next meeting:

The next Regular meeting of the Ball Pond Advisory Committee is Tuesday, **April 2, 2019** at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Conference Room.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Arasim
Recording Secretary