

**Ball Pond Advisory Committee Special Meeting**  
**February 4, 2020**  
**Town Hall Conference Room**  
**7 pm**

**Next meeting: March 3, 2020 at 7 pm**

**Committee Members present:** Mark Spellmann (Vice Chair), Julian Laemmerhirt (Chair), Monica Santos, Pete Viola and Jim Mellett. Absent: Gary Mummert and George Buck

**Call to Order:**

Julian Laemmerhirt called the meeting to order 7:01 pm

**Approval of Minutes:**

Mark Spellmann made a motion to accept the Minutes of January 7, 2020. Pete Viola seconded.

**Vote: 5-0-0 (Motion passed)**

**Public Comment:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**BPAC Stationery and Letterhead**

Lisa Arasim obtained quotes from Barron Printing for 2000 pieces of stationery and envelopes of \$160 and \$175 for regular stock and \$208 and \$225 for thicker stock printed in black ink. The committee requested color quotes. The suggestion was made to make the font larger for "Ball Pond Advisory Committee" as well.

**Newsletter**

Jim Mellett circulated his latest version of the article *The Life Cycle of Lakes* for the committee's review. The committee suggested mentioning where people could purchase clover seed, perhaps add some pictures, suggest testing soil first, and using a phosphorous-free fertilizer if fertilizing is needed. The soil around Ball Pond is considered young, from a glacier. Jim also wants to add that nitrogen and phosphorous, once in the lake, do not come out. Jim will edit the article and send to committee members for additional review. It will be printed as a newsletter in the spring.

**Road Salt Impact on Ball Pond**

When Mark Spellmann and Julian Laemmerhirt were at a recent Finance meeting, they were asked if salt is a problem in Ball Pond. Mark spoke with Tim Simpkins, of the Town's Health Department, who advised him that salt is higher than it should be. It is at 500. Highly polluted is 1000. Jim mentioned he has an article that states by the year 2025 lakes will have as much salt as the ocean. He will email the article to committee members. Tim also told Mark that some wells in neighboring Sherman have been condemned as a result of salt. Calcium chloride would be better but is more expensive. Julian spoke with the State garage. They are salting roadways more heavily now. They are pre-treating roadways with magnesium chloride that sprays out of a phosphorous trigger. Julian did some research and found magnesium chloride comes from places like the dead sea and can supposedly be digested. Colorado did a 113-page

report on magnesium chloride. He will share the report with the committee. Mark mentioned Vermont stopped using salt on roadways. Mark wrote letters to State Representative Ken Gucker and Senator Julie Kushner. Jim will also speak with them and send them the article on road salt.

**Budget Meeting with Town**

Mark Spellmann and Julian Laemmerhirt attended the meeting to discuss BPAC's budget request. The meeting went well. It was attended by First Selectman Pat Del Monico, Selectman Khris Hall, Town Treasurer Ed Sbordone and Finance.

**Adjournment**

Mark Spellmann made a motion to adjourn at 8:45pm. Jim Mellett seconded.

**Vote: 5-0-0 (Motion passed)**

**The next meeting of the Ball Pond Advisory Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, March 3, 2020.**

Respectfully Submitted,

*Lisa Arasim*

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Recording Secretary  
Ball Pond Advisory Committee