

**Ball Pond Advisory Committee  
June 2, 2020 Virtual Meeting  
Minutes**

**In attendance:** Julian Laemmerhirt (Chair), Pete Viola, Monica Santos, George Buck, Elissa Johnson and Monica Spellmann. Absent: Jim Mellett

**Call to Order:** Julian called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

**Correspondence:** With Town Hall being closed, there was no correspondence to report.

**Public Comment:** Elissa stated she is officially a member of the Ball Pond Advisory Committee. Gary Mummert resigned.

**NEW ITEMS:**

**Approval of Minutes from May 5, 2020**

- Julian made one correction under OLD ITEMS, Mailing list, bullet 5: He did not create postcard, his wife Jillian did.
- Pete Viola made a Motion to Accept the Minutes from May 5 as amended.
- Mark Spellmann seconded the Motion.
  - Vote: 6-0-0 (Motion passed)

**Goals, Scope and Objectives of Ball Pond Advisory Committee**

- New member Elissa Johnson, who served previously when BPAC was a new committee, was wondering if the goals, scope and objectives for BPAC were posted somewhere. The committee used to focus primarily on weeds.
- Julian suggested an email string where committee members can offer input and it can be discussed at the next meeting.
- George said the scope has expanded over the years. It includes water testing, weed dives and more. He thought BPAC should start with Town's description and add to it.
- Elissa said the description should include education.
- Lisa will circulate a Google doc that has the current description of the Ball Pond Advisory Committee from the Town's website inviting all committee members to edit. She suggested the new, expanded description may need to be approved by the Town Selectmen before being put on the town's new website.

**Weed Growth Report**

- Julian has not seen many weeds. Just a few in shallow (around 2 feet) of water.
- Pete has not seen any weeds in the southern end. He usually sees them in early July.
- Mark has not seen any coontail yet.
- George has not seen any in his pond.
- Elissa recently excavated some Yellow Flag Irises from the brook. They are invasives.
- George said the seeds float, then spread with the wind.
- Mark said BPAC can remove invasives from the water, but members cannot go onto private property to remove them. BPAC removes pink ladies and coontail from the water.

- Elissa said invasives should be part of the education BPAC does. They can clog up marshes.
- Mark offered that Friends of Ball Pond can send an email out about invasives.
- Those going on the water testing boats on June 4 can look at the invasives together.

#### **Dock regulations**

- George was curious what the regulations and process was to put in a dock. Someone recently applied for an 80' dock.
- Mark said you discuss your plans with Inland Wetlands. They have a public hearing before approving a permit.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Water Testing June 4**

- BPAC boats for water testing (no update)
- Storage of boats (no update)
- Julian had not been able to look at abandoned boats in storage yard for June 4 water testing.
- George has a boat on a trailer that can be used. He will take Tim Simpkins and Elissa.
- Pete and Jim Mellett have a second boat.
- Meeting time is 2:30 pm at the boat launch. George warned to wear boots to wade in the water up to knees to get onto boat.

#### **Adjournment**

- Mark made a Motion to adjourn at 7:40 pm.
- George seconded the Motion.
  - Vote: 6-0-0 (Motion passed)

Respectfully Submitted,

*Lisa Arasim*

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