

**Ball Pond Advisory Committee  
Regular Meeting (Virtual)  
December 1, 2020  
7 PM**

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

**Approval of the Minutes:**

- Mr. Buck made a motion to approve the Minutes from October 6, 2020
- Mr. Spellmann seconded the motion

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

**Correspondence:**

- Mr. Laemmerhirt received an invoice from Hydro Technologies for water testing (Invoice # H25706) dated October 12, 2020 for \$310.
- There is currently \$6356.42 in the 2020-2021 budget. However, some of the money has been earmarked for education in the spring and the purchase of a Jon boat and accessories for water testing.
- A Memorandum from the Finance Director requesting all budget forms and worksheets be turned in no later than December 18, 2020. BPAC is scheduled to present the budget on January 12 at 11:30 am

**Budget for 2021-2022**

- Mr. Buck suggested that there be no line item for grass carp. There needs to be a 50% biomass for the state to approve stocking carp. At some point it will be necessary, but it may be a few years due to a lack of weeds.
- Ms. Johnson would like to see water testing increased. She was concerned about the increase in nitrates in October 2020 over the same period in 2019. She would also like to see more education, especially for Zebra mussel prevention and the damaging use of lawn chemicals in the water shed. Perhaps signs by the boat launch. People need to be diligent, especially if moving their boats from one body of water to another.
- Mr. Laemmerhirt mentioned educational mailings are being planned for the spring.
- Ms. Santos recommended also using social media. Friends of Ball Pond could use their Facebook page for communication as well.
- Mr. Spellmann suggested keeping the budget for Lake Management the same as 2020-2021. Whatever is not used will be returned. The amount requested in 2020-2021 was \$7660. It would be more than adequate to cover increased water testing, invasive and weed management, a weed dive, education and salaries.
- Mr. Spellmann made a motion to request a budget for Ball Pond Advisory Committee for the 2021-2022 fiscal year of \$7660. Ms. Johnson seconded the motion.

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

**Calendar for 2021**

- Committee members agreed to keep the date as the first Tuesday of each month at 7 PM.
- Mr. Spellmann made a motion to approve the Calendar for 2021 for Ball Pond Advisory Committee for the first Tuesday of each month at 7 PM. Ms. Johnson seconded the motion.

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

**Fall 2020 Regional Lake Communities Symposium November 30**

- Ms. Johnson was very impressed by the panel discussion which featured guest speakers A.J. Reyes, Aquatic Ecologist, Northeast Aquatic Research discussing strategies beyond grass carp for managing aquatic plant growth and weed management with concise tables and pros and cons, and James Haney with the University of New Hampshire discussing cyanobacteria and how research is showing aerosols from toxins may be causing neurological issues like ALS. She is hoping to receive a PDF of slides on the weed management, which she will share with the committee.

**Motion to Adjourn**

- Mr. Spellmann made a motion to adjourn at 7:40 PM. Ms. Santos seconded the motion.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Lisa Arasim*

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Recording Secretary