



## Town of Groton Massachusetts Great Pond Advisory Committee

### Meeting Minutes

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**January 25, 2012**

**Present**

Chairman: **Bill Strickland**

Member: Cheney Harper, Francoise Forbes, Susan Horowitz, Art Prest, Alec Woodle, Marshall Giguere  
And Larry Swezey

A quorum was attained and the meeting was called to order at 7:15.

**Minutes** of the November meeting was read by Bill and Art motioned to accept the minutes; Larry second the motion and all voted to accept.

**Financial:** Variance report for November was increased from \$2385.00 to \$3635.00. The increase was due to the vote at town meeting to pay for the Biological survey of Lost Lake /Knops' Pond. The remaining balance is \$2385.00

**MACOLAP** meeting to be held on Saturday 1/28/2012 and Art, Alex, Francoise and Bill are planning on attending. Cheney motioned to have the GPAC pay the fees for all the members attending, Susan seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

**Lost Lake:** Art indicated that he requested documentation from NHESP of the endangered species found in Lost Lake /Knops pond and the request were rejected (see attached). Art also showed a video of the suggested endangered species and indicated that the documentation is questionable.

**Baddacook Pond:** Bill requested a meeting with the Water Department to discuss the use of Herbicides and to discuss the results of Spectacle Pond in Littleton. The results were very good and the documentation showed no detectable levels of fluridone. This is an interesting evaluation for consideration due to the symmetry of Baddacook and Spectacle ponds.

Protocol for Monitoring Program **Preliminary Draft** was submitted by Cindy. The draft included documentation and correspondence between Cindy and NHESP. This draft was scanned and will be placed on the GPAC web site for a reference.



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# Division of Fisheries & Wildlife

Wayne F. MacCallum, *Director*

January 20, 2012

Arthur L. Prest  
Art Prest & Associates  
8 Weymisset Road  
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**RE:** Public Records Request  
Lost Lake/Knops Pond Rare Species Information  
NHESP Tracking No. 03-11951

Dear Mr. Prest:

The Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program (NHESP) of the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries & Wildlife is in receipt of your request (email dated December 6, 2011) and has completed the search for the public records pertaining to your request.

After a review of the compiled documents, our office determined that all of the records contain site-specific state-listed species information. If released, site-specific locality information can directly jeopardize specific rare species occurrences through collecting, harvesting, destroying or disturbing with either malicious or benevolent intents. Additionally, site-specific state-listed species information contained within the NHESP database are considered sensitive and are protected from public dissemination under an exemption in the state's Public Records Act (M.G.L. c. 66, s. 17D). Therefore, our office will not provide actual records or access to our database, as you requested.

Noted in your December 6, 2011 request, you have received information from our office regarding the presence of *Sparganium natans* in Lost Lake and Knops Pond. Included in the aforementioned request, you ask for information pertaining to the presence of *Emydoidea blandingii* throughout Groton, MA. In the Groton area, the NHESP database contains over 150 individual observations of this species. Additionally, there have been multiple studies utilizing radio telemetry for this species in the vicinity of Lost Lake and Knops Pond. The closest observation of this species in relation to the Lost Lake/Knops Pond area is less than 3 meters from shore.

Any questions relating to this public records request should be directed to Amy Coman-Hoenig, Endangered Species Review Assistant at, (508) 389-6364.

Sincerely,

Thomas W. French, Ph.D.  
Assistant Director

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