



Town of Groton Massachusetts Great Pond Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

March 28, 2012

Present

Chairman: **Bill Strickland**

Member: Cheney Harper, Francoise Forbes, Susan Horowitz, Art Prest, Alex Woodle, Cindy Swezey, and Larry Swezey

Absent: Marshall Giguere

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

Minutes of the meeting meeting, Cindy motioned to accept the minutes (with 2 corrections) Cindy abstained from the vote to accept the minutes for February 12 and the date indicated was 12/23/2011 not 12/2/11); Art second the motion and all voted to accept.

Financial: Budget is \$2380.00.

Cindy Swezey: Comments to be attached to the Minutes of March 28 2012

Sparganium natans has been an on going study for 2 decades in my opinion grows and lives in Lost Lake/Knops Pond as of the fall of 2011.

Sensitive location information of Endangered, Threatened and Special Concern Species remains only in the Natural Heritage information base.

Ducks and Muskrats eat Sparganium natans as observed by myself and Jody Lapham. This information is also backed up by information copied from A Manual of aquatic Plants by Norman Fassett.

I.D. of Sparganium natans has been made by myself, Dennis Magee, Dr. Paul Sommers and Dr. Garret Crow.

If Natural Heritage asks to have the "Draft Protocol for Monitoring Program of Rare Species in Lost Lake/Knops Pond Corrected and up dated this will be done in the summer of 2012.

NHESP Communication: Art indicated that he has made progress with Misty Anne and Brian Connolly with respect to eradicating the non-native invasive weeds on Knops Pond / Lost Lake. Art also discussed the incorrect illustration of Sparganium Natans on the NHESP home page and that NHESP will be replacing it with a correct illustration.

Alec indicated 4 Botanists could not definitively identify Sparganium natans in Lost Lake during the summer of 2011.

He also discussed with Brian Connolly doing DNA testing at Grand Valley for the characteristics of Sparganium natans. Brian is also discussing with Dr. Less of University of Connecticut to do DNA analysis.

Bill indicated that the Charlie Quinlin invoice was discussed at length at GLA meetings and was appropriate for GPAC. Larry indicated that he did not have a problem with the invoice and his concern was that it was not submitted to the GPAC up front and not after the work was done.

Cheney suggested that the GPAC pay half the bill and the Harvester Committee will pay the remainder and this will leave enough money to do the Whitney survey.

Alec motioned to pay the \$910.00 Susan second and all voted in favor.

The amount will need to be revisited since the total remaining in the GPAC Budget is \$2330.00 and the Whitney invoice is \$1550.00 leaving only \$780.00. Need to revisit next meeting.