



Town of Groton Massachusetts Great Pond Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

August 22, 2012

Present

Chairman: Alex Woodle

Members: Marshall Giguere, Francoise Forbes, Cheney Harper, Susan Horowitz, Art Prest

Absent: Savas Danos, Tom Sangiolo

Guests: Jim Luening, Pierre Comtois, Larry Hurley

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

Minutes: Marshall Giguere motioned that the minutes of the July 25, 2012 GPAC meeting be approved. Francoise Forbes seconded the motion and all approved.

Financial: There was no budget report for August.

Community Preservation Fund: Alex Woodle announced that the member of the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) member could not make the meeting. Alex talked about the possibility of Community Preservation Act funds being available for the restoration of Lost Lake & Knops Pond and Sargisson Beach as well as for the other Great Ponds in Groton. Marshall Giguere mentioned that CPA funds might not be able to be used on Conservation Commission Property.

GPAC Equipment: Alex Woodle received the following equipment from Bill Strickland:

HACH HQ SERIES PORTABLE METER

1	HACH FIELD CASE	58258
2	DC SUPPLY	58134
1	DC SUPPLY	PC40506
1	PROBE	CDC401
1	PROBE	PHC301
1	PROBE	LDO101
1	METER	HQ40D
1	USB	FLASH MEM 256M
5	SAMPLE	4783056
2	MANUAL	HQ40D18
1	CD	INSTALL
3	PROBE CASE	-
4	BATTERY	AA

Alex is trying to locate the rest of the equipment that the GPAC purchased including the GPS, turbidity measuring equipment and the Secchi disks. Susan Horowitz said that she will contact Larry Swezey to see if he knew where the missing items might be. It was mentioned that Jason in the Groton IT Department might have the GPS.

Legislative Bills: Savas Danos was going to check into the status of pertinent legislative bills but Savas Danos was not at the meeting. Alex Woodle will be checking the status of bills regarding boat/trailer inspection.

Whitney Pond: Larry Hurley attended the GPAC meeting as a Whitney Pond resident. Larry asked if the weeds in Whitney come from Lost Lake. He indicated the weeds are getting worse – as much as eight feet deep in some areas. Alex Woodle had reviewed the Aquatic Control Technology (ACT) Survey of Whitney Pond and noticed that the text says there is some Cabomba but the charts don't list it. Alex also noted that ACT was only recommending the use of Reward (diquat) for treating Whitney Pond and that was strange since Reward does not kill Cabomba. Alex will check with ACT about this.

Baddacook Pond: Françoise Forbes indicated that she gathered the residents of Baddacook Pond for a meeting to discuss what they need to do about their weed problem and how to proceed. They discussed the need to unite and the possibility of forming their own association. Jim Luening is a new resident of Baddacook Pond and also expressed his concern as how to proceed. Françoise said that she invited people at her meeting to take the boat tour on Meet the Lakes Day.

Lost Lake: Art Prest talked about the status of the NOI and Resource Management Plan for Lost Lake and Knops pond and the plan to submit it to the Selectmen in early September. Art also talked about the status of the DNA testing at the University of Connecticut. He also reviewed the plans for a Meet the Lakes Day and for Grotonfest.

New Business:

Clipper: we have not heard from the State as to when the herbicide Clipper will be approved for use. Art Prest said they he would check on the status. Françoise Forbes asked that the state contact information be emailed to her which Art agreed to do.

New Members: Jessica Cajiga from the Water Commission decided not to join the GPAC. Alex Woodle said they he will check to see if another member of the Water Commission might join. Alex will also check on whether the Planning Board wanted to have a member on the GPAC.

The meeting was adjourned at about 9:00 PM