



Town of Groton Massachusetts Great Pond Advisory Committee

Minutes

March 27, 2013

Present: Alex Woodle, Art Prest, Francoise Forbes, Susan Horowitz, Marshall Giguere, Cheney Harper, Jim Luening

Absent: Savas Danos, Tom Sangiolo

The meeting called to order at 7:15pm.

Minutes: Marshall Giguere made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 27, 2013 minutes, Susan Horowitz seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Financial Report: \$300 was used for the Baddacook Pond NOI leaving a balance of \$2,085 for 2013.

Baddacook Pond Update: Jim Luening discussed the status of the NOI to use the harvester on Baddacook Pond. The NOI meeting with the Conservation Commission was moved to April 9th. Marshall Giguere indicated that the supportive letter from NHESP virtually approved the use of the harvester.

Clipper Status: Art Prest reviewed the status of the state's approval of Clipper indicating that thanks to the efforts of Keely DeChristopher in State Senator Eileen Donoghue's office the paper work for the final approval of Clipper was moved to the front of the cue.

Lost Lake/Knops Pond Update: Art Prest discussed the plans for the Sonar herbicide treatment of Lost Lake/Knops Pond. The plan is to treat the week of April 15th. Art stated that we should place something in the newspapers regarding the treatment and that we need a document that discusses what we might see happen when the weeds begin to die. Alex Woodle mentioned that he had heard that there might be a beaver dam that might be impeding water flow into Lost Lake. A decision was made to check whether there is a beaver dam. Art Prest talked about the need for a large permanent sign at the boat launch regarding the new state law outlawing the transport of weeds on boats and trailers. Jim Luening asked that two signs be made – one for Lost Lake/Knops Pond and one for Baddacook Pond. Art Prest then discussed the plans for when and how the boards will be placed in the dam. They will be placed just prior to herbicide treatment to minimize the volume of water to be treated (this saves money) and all the boards will be installed at the same time to minimize any outflow that would dilute the concentration of the Sonar herbicide after the first treatment. Cheney Harper suggested that we develop flyers to distribute to lakeshore residents. Art Prest discussed the status of the GLA 501c3 non-profit filing to reinstate non-profit status to the GLA. He also discussed the GLA membership drive and the plans to get GLA Director and Officer Insurance.

Boat Launch: Alex Woodle discussed the situation regarding the public boat launch and the discussions with the Groton Conservation Trust and Pat Huckery at Fish & Wildlife. Art Prest mentioned the possibility of DCR taking ownership of the road and property at the boat launch that is currently owned by the Groton conservation trust. These issues will be explored further.

New Business: Art Prest mentioned that he, Alex Woodle and Savas Danos would be meeting with the Water Commission on March 28, 2013 to discuss the Water Commission's position expressed at the Special Town Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.