



## Town of Groton Massachusetts Great Pond Advisory Committee

### Minutes

#### April 24, 2013

**Present:** Alex Woodle, Art Prest, Francoise Forbes, Marshall Giguere, Jim Luening, Tom Sangiolo

**Absent:** Savas Danos, Cheney Harper

The meeting called to order at 7:20pm.

**Minutes:** The minutes were approved unanimously.

**Baddacook Pond Update:** Jim Luening discussed the Order of Conditions (OOC) to use the harvester on Baddacook Pond. The OOCs were approved by the Conservation Commission on Tuesday April 23, 2013. The recommendation from the Water Commission to not allow harvesting in front of town well was included in the OOCs. Bill Strickland took Alex Woodle, Tom Orcutt and some residents of Baddacook Pond for a tour of Baddacook Pond.

**Lost Lake/Knops Pond Update:** Art Prest discussed the status of the Sonar herbicide treatment of Lost Lake/Knops Pond. The lake was treated with Sonar pellets the morning of Wednesday April 24, 2013. Posting of the required DEP WARNING signs had been completed on Monday April 22, 2013. The boards were placed into the new aluminum brackets on the face of the dam early in the morning of Wednesday April 24<sup>th</sup>. Plastic sheeting was mounted to the boards thereby preventing water from leaking through the dam. By preventing water from leaving the lake through the dam allowed the Town Highway Department to repair the culvert under Lost Lake Drive.

**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. Alex and Art Prest met with Pat Huckery at the boat launch. DCR is writing the regulations to enforce the new law that outlaws the transport of invasive species on boats and trailers but it was learned that the regulations were to be enforced by the Massachusetts Environmental Police and not local police. This is of great concern because of the small Environmental Police staff that exists. This issue will need to be explored further. There was no update with respect to the donation of the Conservation Trust land to DCR. The planning for a boat wash will continue but a boat wash capability is not likely to be installed in 2013. There was a discussion about a Police/Fire rescue boat of some type. Susan Horowitz will explore these issues at the LEDC (Local Emergency Policy Committee) meeting.

**Financial Report:** a motion was made to allow the expenditure of up to \$2,000 from the GPAC account for signage and boat/trailer inspectors/monitors at the public boat launch on Lost Lake. The motion was moved by Tom Sangiolo, seconded by Marshall Giguere and approved unanimously.

**Water Commission:** Art Prest, Alex Woodle and Savas Danos met with the Water Commission on March 28, 2013 to discuss the Water Commission's position expressed at the Special Town Meeting. The meeting did not go well.

**New Business:** Jim Luening discussed the DCR Weed Watcher Program that will be held at the Lost Lake Fire Station on May 28<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.