



Town of Groton Massachusetts Great Pond Advisory Committee

Minutes

May 22, 2013

Present: Alex Woodle, Art Prest, Francoise Forbes, Jim Luening, Susan Horowitz

Absent: Savas Danos, Cheney Harper, Marshall Giguere, Tom Sangiolo

The meeting called to order at 7:15pm.

Minutes: The minutes were approved unanimously.

Financial Report: Still have \$2,000 that can be used for boat monitors.

Boat Launch: There was a discussion about signage at the boat launch. Art will talk with Wendy Prest about her contact that makes signs. The issue is that whatever signage we want will need approval by the State. Susan Horowitz will check with Tom Delaney about signage. Alex will ask State to rotate the existing signage at the Lost Lake public boat launch so that it is positioned more like that at Baddacook Pond. There was a discussion about boat/trailer monitors. Mark Haddad approved Rena Swezey's suggestion that the monitors could fall under the Seniors Work Credit program in which seniors earn property tax credits for working on Town projects. It was also decided that we get Town of Groton Weed Watcher T-Shirts for the monitors. Art will ask Marty O'Bryan to get quotes. Art Prest mentioned that he has mounted weatherproof holders containing DCR brochures about invasive species on the kiosk at the Lost Lake boat launch.

Lost Lake/Knops Pond Update: Art Prest discussed the status of the Sonar herbicide treatment of Lost Lake/Knops Pond. On May 22nd the lake was treated a second time using Sonar pellets and liquid. The concentration of Sonar as the result of the first treatment was about 4-6 ppb versus the objective of 8-10ppb. The liquid version of Sonar was used in the second treatment to get the Sonar concentration up to 8-10ppb. Art Prest and Alex Woodle talked about the beaver dam that now blocks up the Martins Pond Brook inlet. The dam is about 100 feet wide and the water on the inlet side of the dam is about five inches higher than the lake level. It is believed that there are other beaver dams along Martins Pond Brook. Alex Woodle and Susan Horowitz said that they would talk with Tom Delaney about the beaver dams. It was mentioned that the filamentous algae problem in the Lost Lake North Coves has abated but the State tests for cyano-bacteria along Redskin Trail was 35,000 cells/ml which is high but still less than the State limit of 70,000 cells/ml. Alex Woodle asked if testing for cyano-bacteria by the State could be done on a regular basis. Alex and Susan will check with Ira Grossman on this.

Erosion & Storm Water Runoff: Alex Woodle indicated that State funding for projects regarding erosion and storm water runoff would be difficult because so much of the shoreline is rated "urban" and not rural by the State.

Baddacook Pond Update: Jim Luening discussed the Order of Conditions (OOC) to use the harvester on Baddacook Pond. The recent OOCs were modified based on requests for changes by the residents of Baddacook Pond.

New Business: Jim Luening discussed the DCR Weed Watcher Program that will be held at the Lost Lake Fire Station on May 28th. Nineteen people have signed up. As part of our outreach and education efforts the Meet the Lakes Day Tour was scheduled for June 8th. A Fire Committee has been setup to evaluate the ability to fight fires on the lakes and ponds in Groton. Art Prest asked if we should change the day for the GPAC meeting because some members have conflicts on the Third Wednesday of the month?

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM.