



Town of Groton Massachusetts Great Pond Advisory Committee

Minutes

January 22, 2014

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

Not Present: Savas Danos, Cheney Harper, Marshall Giguere, Tom Sangiolo

Meeting Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2013 GPAC meeting was made and seconded. The minutes were approved by all present.

Financial Report

Jim Luening reported that there was \$2,085 remaining in the current budget..

Water Quality Testing

There was nothing new to report.

Lost Lake & Knops Pond

The CEI study for the Groton Lost Lake Sewer Committee was discussed. A question arose as to whether Baddacook Pond was part of the Lost Lake watershed. Susan Horowitz volunteered to check. Susan Horowitz asked what percentage of funds goes for improving watershed issues versus for sewers. A question was also raised as to whether State Revolving Funds (SRF) might be used for helping fund new septic systems.

Boat Launch Monitoring Program

No news – need to contact Brooke Garger to see if she is willing to coordinate the program again.

Baddacook Pond Update

Jim Luening reviewed the plans for moving forward with plans to treat Baddacook Pond with Sonar in 2014. Jim is planning on giving a presentation about this plan to the Water Commission. There was concern expressed about the position that the Water Commission might take and that Jim Gmeiner wants to see what the EPA publishes in 2015 as part of their re-certification program for fluridone. Jim Luening said that he would talk with Jim Gmeiner. Jim Luening also discussed the plan for working with Aquatic Control Technology to develop the NOI for treating Baddacook Pond with Sonar. Art Prest had offered in a previous meeting to have the GLA pay the cost of the NOI development. The plans and schedule for obtaining CPC Funds was also discussed and that the possibility of getting CPC funds looks OK so far. Alex Woodle said that he would talk with Mark Deuger and Jim Luening said that he would talk with Mark Haddad about the situation.

Guide to Homeowners

No progress has been made in reviewing and updating the Guide for Homeowners to bring it up to date. It was agreed to change the title and to wait until February of 2014 to complete the updates. Susan Horowitz talked about the potential for bladder cancer being part of this document.

Beaver Problems

Susan Horowitz mentioned that the funding for mosquito control might also cover some aspects of beaver control.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM