



Town of Groton Massachusetts Great Pond Advisory Committee

Minutes

February 19, 2014

Present: Françoise Forbes, Susan Horowitz, Jim Luening, Art Prest, Cheney Harper, Marshall Giguere

Not Present: Savas Danos, Alex Woodle, Tom Sangiolo

Meeting Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes as amended of the January 22, 2014 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. Art Prest suggested that since we were getting close to the end of the fiscal year that this money be applied to having an NOI prepared by ACT. All in attendance agreed.

Sargisson Beach

Cheney Harper made a presentation about the plans for Sargisson Beach as prepared by the Sargisson Beach Committee. Susan Horowitz asked if dogs were allowed and the answer was yes but they must be on a leash. Cheney asked for a letter of support for the plan from the GPAC. Art Prest made a motion for the GPAC to support the proposal, Susan Horowitz seconded and all voted in favor.

Baddacook Pond Update

Jim Luening reviewed the plans for moving forward with plans to treat Baddacook Pond with Sonar. The February 10th joint meeting of the GPAC, Selectmen and the Water Commission did not go well. Peter Cunningham had asked Jim Luening not to bring a formal presentation because Peter wanted to moderate a discussion between the GPAC and Water Commission. Unfortunately Jack Petropoulos objected to requiring the Water Commission to participate in such a discussion. As a result Jim had to "wing it" and give a presentation without a projector and the Water Commissioners said nothing. Jim mentioned that the next meeting of the Water Commission was scheduled for February 25th and it would be important to attend it. Susan Horowitz asked who could answer the question "if Baddacook Pond becomes hypereutrophic what would the impact be on the well?" No one present knew the answer. Art Prest made a motion to use \$1,500 of the remaining GPAC budget to pay for the development of an NOI for the treatment of Baddacook Pond. Susan Horowitz seconded and all voted in favor.

Lost Lake & Knops Pond

Art Prest discussed the plans for this summer with respect to Weed Watcher and boat/weed monitoring, as well as an erosion presentation that is being prepared.

Guide to Homeowners

No progress has been made in reviewing and updating the Guide for Homeowners to bring it up to date.

Lost Lake Watershed Committee

The proposed new name for what was the Lost Lake Sewer Committee will be meeting on Thursday February 20th and the focus will be on education programs about the watershed.

Beaver Problems

Susan Horowitz mentioned that the funding for mosquito control in 2014 has been eliminated because of the school budget problems.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM