



## Town of Groton Massachusetts Great Pond Advisory Committee

### Minutes

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**April 30, 2014**

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

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

**Guest:** Bill Strickland

#### **Meeting Minutes**

A motion to approve the minutes of the March 26, 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 asked that this money be applied to having an NOI prepared by ACT. Jim Luening will check with ACT about the cost. Bill Strickland presented a bill for water testing materials for approval.

#### **Water Quality Testing**

After a discussion about water quality testing Alex Woodle mad a motion to allow Bill Strickland to take the water quality testing equipment stored in the Town Hall to do testing. Susan Horowitz seconded and all approved.

#### **Baddacook Pond Update**

Jim Luening reviewed the plans for moving forward with plans to treat Baddacook Pond with Sonar. Jim reported that Marshall Giguere talked with the CPC about why funds were refused for the Baddacook proposal. Gineane Haberlin from the CPC was said to want to talk with the GPAC about this issue. All agreed with this. Jim Luening discussed the meeting with Tom Orcutt and Jim Gmeiner. There is another meeting with the Water Commission planned for some time in May.

#### **Boat Launch Monitoring Program**

Brooke Garger will be the program coordinator again this year and that she has tried to enlist seniors from the Town of Groton Seniors Program with little success. There was a long discussion about recruiting teenagers to be boat launch monitors. Art Prest expressed reservations about this because of concern by some parents about a teenager being alone at the boat launch and the possible issue of liability. Art Prest agreed to ask Mark Haddad about liability issues if the Town pays monitors. Alex Woodle agreed to write up and ad for the Groton Line and newspapers. Susan Horowitz suggested that we check with the Senior Center, Greenway Committee and Trails Committee for volunteers.

#### **Lost Lake & Knops Pond**

Art Prest and Alex Woodle discussed their observations about water quality in Lost Lake and Knops Pond and the status and story of the boards in the Lost Lake dam. Art Prest also discussed plans for a 4<sup>th</sup> of July Boat Parade and Water Ski Exhibition. Art also discussed the

possibility of a GLA barbecue and where it might be held. The discussion evolved into whether the entire Town is invited and if so where could it be held and whether beer and/or wine would be available. Art Prest insisted that at least this year that a GLA barbecue be held for all lake residents (Lost Lake, Knops Pond and Baddacook Pond) and it should be BYOB. It could be used for GLA member recruitment and a chance to meet your neighbors.

**Sargisson Beach**

The CPC article in the Town Warrant for money to restore Sargisson Beach was discussed and that we should encourage people to attend the Town Meeting and vote in support of the effort. The May 17<sup>th</sup> spring cleanup was also discussed.

**Watershed & Erosion:**

Alex Woodle is developing information regarding erosion problems and has been taking pictures of where the erosion is happening. This information will be presented to the Town's Earth Removal Stormwater Advisory Committee.

**Lost Lake Watershed Committee:**

The proposed new name for what was the Lost Lake Sewer Advisory Committee will be making a presentation to the Selectmen on May 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Weed Harvester:**

Bill Strickland said he was looking for additional people to operate the weed harvester on Baddacook Pond.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM.