



## Town of Groton Massachusetts Great Pond Advisory Committee

### Minutes

#### May 28, 2014

**Present:** Alex Woodle, Francoise Forbes, Jim Luening, Susan Horowitz, Marshall Giguere

**Absent:** Savas Danos, Cheney Harper, Tom Sangiolo, Art Prest

**Guests:** Gineane Haberlin, CPC; Greg Fishbone

The meeting called to order at 7:15pm.

**Minutes:** The minutes were tabled until next meeting.

**Financial Report:** Still have \$2,008.33.

**Funding for Water Commission Studies:** There was a discussion about the funding mechanism to do a hydrological study and a risk assessment study. Ms Haberlin feels that in the out of cycle funding, GPAC should not seek funds at same time Sargisson Beach Committee was seeking funds. Suggested we communicate with them and Town Manager to place their needs as an agenda item for town meeting. Jim will talk with Andrew Davis. She also felt in light of the Water Commission's stance, that CPC may not approve such funding. Application should be filed asap.

CPC may fund risk assessment if Groton Water Commission showed some positive attitude that they would approve treatment if study satisfied their risk tolerance. CPC looks favorably upon matched funds.

Discussion ensued that we could use remaining funds from GPAC and Harvester committee to fund both studies. Horowitz made motion to approve expenditure of remaining funds for studies, seconded by Giguere and voted unanimously. Jim to talk with Town manager about using these funds for these studies.

Sue to talk with Sue Sunstrom about cost of a risk assessment study and whether she would be willing to undertake it or recommend someone.

**Baddacook Pond Update:** Jim Luening reviewed his meeting with Tom Orcutt and Jim Gmeiner regarding a path forward for Baddacook. This meeting included discussion about various studies the Water Commission would like to see undertaken before they would reconsider treatment.

Suggestion that a series of articles be written about Baddacook and its condition, treatment plan and benefits to whole community for *The Groton Line*. Greg Fishbone was tapped to produce some of this copy.

Jim proposed going to Board of Health to give a presentation and receive their feedback.

It was also proposed that GPAC collect letters of support for the studies asked for by GWC from various boards in town. If studies answer objections of GWC, it will be difficult for them to not revisit the treatment plan in a different light.

**Boat Launch Monitoring Program:** Alex reviewed current status of progress. Not enough volunteers even for weekends. Student from Groton School interviewed about taking over coordinating, some monitoring and possible other duties as a paid position. Developing a more coherent monitoring program must have priority this season. Launch at Lost Lake very active especially on weekends.

**Lost Lake/Knops Pond:** Alex reviewed condition of weed regrowth based upon kayak trips to several previously heavily infested areas. Marc Bellaud from Aquatic Control Technology contacted about follow-up

survey and spot treatments if needed. Long winter and cool weather has retarded plant growth, but some milfoil seen growing.

**Sargisson Beach:** Clean-up went well with less labor needed because of previous cleanups.

**Weed harvester:** Wrench date this coming weekend to prepare harvester for use in Baddacook Pond.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Alex and seconded by Sue and voted unanimously at 8:55pm.