



## Town of Groton Massachusetts Great Pond Advisory Committee

### Minutes

### August 27, 2014

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

**Absent:** Savas Danos, Cheney Harper, Francoise Forbes and Tom Sangiolo

The meeting was called to order at 7:22pm.

#### **Meeting Minutes:**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the July 23, 2014 GPAC meeting. The minutes were approved as written.

#### **Financial Report:**

A financial report showed a budget balance of \$2,385 for the new fiscal year..

#### **GPAC Elections & Membership:**

Art Prest was elected unanimously to be Secretary of the GPAC. Art Prest said that before we can add new members that existing members who are not interested in continuing to serve must resign first. Art said that Tom Sangiolo had said that he would no longer be on the GPAC because he was moving and selling his house. Jim Luening agreed to ask Tom to formally resign and that he would check with Savas Danos and Cheney Harper to find out if they plan to continue to be members.

#### **Baddacook Pond:**

Jim Luening reported that the meeting of the Water Commission on August 26, 2014 did not happen. Neither Jim Gmeiner nor Gary Hogle showed up and no notice had been given to anyone that they were not coming. Susan Black talked about her visit to Baddacook Pond. Jim Luening explained that in the past NHESP had restricted mechanical harvesting of Baddacook Pond at water temperatures above 50 degrees Fahrenheit and that the Water Commission currently prohibits mechanical harvesting everywhere except in front of people's homes. Jim also pointed out that historical size of Baddacook Pond was said to be 113 acres in 1913 and it is now only 76 acres and shrinking. The discussion then turned to developing a presentation about Baddacook Pond that focused on the history of the pond. This could then be presented to the NRWA, at the library, at the Senior Center, on Groton-On-Line and on the Groton Channel. Art Prest raised the issue about having the Selectmen present an NOI for the treatment of Baddacook Pond. Susan Horowitz mad a motion to do so, Alex Woodle seconded it and the motion passed unanimously.

#### **Boat Launch Weed Watcher Program:**

Susan Black recommended that we meet with the Boy Scouts to discuss what role the scouts might play with respect to the Weed Watcher Program. It was decided that Alex Woodle and or Lynda Moore would meet with the Boy Scouts. Art Prest mentioned that we should develop a Town Meeting Article for the Spring Town Meeting for about \$15,000 to \$20,000 for two full time Weed Watcher student coordinators for the summer of 2015. Art Prest agreed to check with the CPC to see if the CPC might be able to fund this.

#### **Lost Lake/Knops Pond:**

Art Prest quickly reviewed the status of the spot treatment of about 40 acres of variable milfoil that was treated in early July with Diquat. Art also discussed the status of the Sargisson Beach restoration project and the funding.

**Lake Shore Property Owner Education:**

Jim Luening asked for ideas as to how do we could finish the booklet that was started but never completed. Alex Woodle suggested that a section on rain gardens be added. Art Prest said that we should also add a section as to how to get rid of outdated or unwanted drugs. Jim Luening mentioned that he had a pamphlet from Westford that had some good information in it. Art Prest mentioned that the newly formed Lost Lake Watershed Advisory Committee might be involved in completing the effort. Alex Woodle mentioned that maybe a large booklet might never be read. Art Prest recommended that in order to get attention to the contents that every week some aspect of the contents be written up for publication in the local newspapers, the front page of the Town of Groton homepage and Groton-On-Line.

**Weed Harvester:**

Jim Luening said that the harvesting was going well on Baddacook Pond.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47PM