

Town of Groton Massachusetts Great Pond Advisory Committee

Minutes

December 17, 2014

Present: Art Prest, Jim Luening, Bill Strickland, Alex Woodle, Susan Black

Absent: Savas Danos, Francoise Forbes

The meeting was called to order at 7:20 PM.

Meeting Minutes:

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the October, 2014 GPAC meeting. The minutes were approved as amended (i.e., Alex Woodle was not there – and two abstentions in approval by Alex Woodle and Susan Black who were not in attendance at the October 2014 meeting).

Financial Report:

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

Baddacook Pond:

Jim Luening reported that the NOI will be presented to the Selectmen at their December 22, 2014 meeting. Art Prest will send an email to GLA members asking that they attend this meeting.

Boat Launch Monitoring Program:

There was a short discussion about what we should do in 2015 for managing the Boat Launch Monitoring Program. There had been no progress regarding using Boy Scouts. We need to check with Andrew Davis.

Lost Lake/Knops Pond:

Art Prest discussed the status of the Lost Lake Watershed Advisory Committee. Focus is currently on storm water runoff issues. Attempts will be made to file for 604B assessment grants and then 319 restoration grants.

Lake Shore Property Owner Education:

Susan Black reported on her efforts to rewrite the education document.

Water Quality Testing:

Art Prest discussed the need to expand water quality testing. He said that we need to establish test protocols, decide what we need to test on a continuing basis, see what we have for test equipment and determine what we might need to buy. More specifically we will need to test pH, temperature, alkalinity, chlorophyll, dissolved oxygen, total phosphates, e. Coli, nitrates and nitrites.