

**Town of Groton Massachusetts
Great Pond Advisory Committee**

Minutes



May 20, 2015

Present: Francoise Forbes, Susan Black, Susan Horowitz, Jim Luening, Alex Woodle, Bill Strickland
Jack McCafferty, newly elected Water Commissioner.

Not Present: Savas Danos, Art Prest

Meeting Minutes:

A financial report through January showed the budget at \$2385.

Bill Strickland gave a report on the inventory he and Alex conducted on GPAC water quality test equipment. Materials that whose shelf life had expired were disposed. Bill detailed the equipment and materials needed to conduct water quality testing.

A new probe	\$263.00
Power Supply	\$115.00
Buffer Solution	\$ 26.29
Storage Solution	\$ 32.99
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	\$437.28

A motion was made by Alex and seconded by Bill to authorize GPAC funds for these items. It passed unanimously.

Susan H. said that future testing should require a chain of custody to track testing. With the equipment we have, we will be able to test pH, conductivity, dissolved oxygen and temperature. We also have a Secchi disk for measurement of turbidity.

Nashoba Boards of Health conduct bacterial testing of three LL/KP beaches on weekly basis during swimming months. Some discussion of whether Baddacook should also be tested, but “beach” at this pond really not heavily used or known except for a few locals.

Jack McCafferty was going to check on device to measure nitrates and phosphates.

Jim brought us up to date on the Baddacook NOI and his correspondence with the DEP vis-à-vis the Town Counsel's opinion. Basically the DEP had no answer about jurisdiction. No one at state was able to speak to the question of who owns the pond. We could appeal Counsel's decision at \$200 fee. Appeal would have to be submitted within ten days after Conservation Commission May 26th meeting. We will attempt to convene GPAC meeting next Tuesday evening.

There is a concern that townspeople are reading misinformation about treatment from local news coverage by *Herald* and the *The Groton Line*.

Boat Launch Monitor position filled by Dan Murphy, a teacher at West Concord school system and a resident of Littleton. Dan is busy recruiting volunteers, setting up StartUpGenius and becoming familiar with the lakes. Dan has good computer skills. Jim will check to see if we can use GPAC funds to pay Dan.

Alex will check on scouts receiving community service merit badge for volunteering at boat launches. Alex suggested a picture of Water Chestnut plant be posted at kiosks together with phone number to call.

Alex briefly talked about the reopening of Sargisson Beach and the possible Eagle Scout project for baby Beach. This latter suggestion was based upon Alex's presentation to Boy Scouts at Grotonwood on May 11th.

Motion to adjourn made by Alex and seconded by Susan H. at 8:30.

Respectfully submitted,