Town of Groton Massachusetts Great Pond Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes



September 22, 2015

Chairman: Jim Luening, Member: Alex Woodle, Susan Horowitz, Art Prest, Francoise Bill Strickland Absent: Francoise Forbes, Mary Metzger Meeting called to order by Jim at 7:20pm

Financial Review the current balance is \$2385.00

Meeting minutes were read and approved: Motion made by Alex and seconded by Susan all voted in favor to accept the minutes.

Lost Lake & Knops Pond: Art Indicated that Bladderwort is growing in Knops Pond and that he sent out a video of the plant that appears to be spreading in some areas. There is a possibility that bladderwort is cyclic and may die off during the winter and not come back in 2016. If it does come back, one possible treatment that is recommended is 2-4D but that isn't approved in our Order of Conditions. If necessary, Aquatic Control Technology is planning on applying Diquat and copper sulfate early next year in some areas to kill the Bladderwort, and also to treat the variable milfoil with just Diquat as required

Art indicated the Hach equipment was received for measuring phosphorus and other nutrients .

Alex drafted a letter to the Police Chief. The GPAC reviewed the letter and voted to send the letter; Art made the motion, Alex seconded the motion and all in favor.

Water Shed Advisory Committee: The committee sent out a RFQ to evaluate the water shed and recommend solutions. They sent out 20 RFPs and received 4 for review.

Baddacook: Jack Petropolis is planning a tour of the pond.

Bill suggested that a meeting between the GPAC and water Commissions be set up to determine if they have a plan for Restoration.

Harvester: The Harvester is not operational (the paddle wheel gear box is jammed and a new gear box is \$1463 which exceeds the funds available). The extraction from Baddacook failed due to the malfunction of the winch. The winch was repaired and we plan to remove the Harvester next week.