



Town of Groton Massachusetts Great Pond Advisory Committee

Meeting Agenda and Minutes

April 7, 2016

Present

Chairman: **Jim Luening**

Member: Art Prest, Alex Woodle, Francoise Forbes, Susan Horowitz, Bill Strickland

Meeting called to order By Jim at 7:20

Financial: \$2368.03

Lost Lake: Boards were installed on March 31 2016. Fire hydrant in and complete.

Water Shed Advisory Committee: Selected a ESS to evaluate the water shed and submit a request for a 604B grant for \$50,000.

Ed Hamlin to give a talk on Rain Gardens on May 10 at the Town Hall second floor. Alex made a motion that the GPAC support this meeting Francois second the motion and all voted in favor.

MACOLAP (Mass. Congress of Lakes and Ponds) and NALMS (North America Lakes Management Society) will hold a seminar May 19 and 20 at the Holiday Inn in Marlborough both Alex and Bill are planning on going. The Conference is offering many good topics, one of most interesting is "Running an Effective Hand Harvesting Program".

Weed Harvester: Art indicated the FINCOM approved the budget for \$7000.00 for 2017 and will be voted at Spring Town meeting.

Baddacook: The plan to go to Aquatic Vision for an evaluation of their process a combination of Harvesting and DASH (Diver Assisted Hand Harvesting). The Water Commission is in favor of this process and voted to contribute \$4000.00 Susan made a motion that the GPAC will contribute \$2000.00 to the project and Alex second the motion and all voted in favor.

The Selectman will meet on 4/20 for a funding discussion. The Conservation Commission will do a site visit on 4/22 to observe the Pond and also look at the possibility of using the Shattuck property as a transportation site for weed removal. The potential locations for removal is the Baddacook well location, Boat Ramp and the Shattuck property. Jim will contact Pat Huckery of the Fish and Game department for approval. All locations will need to be approved by Mark Haddad.

The Notice of intent will be submitted to the selectman for approval. The Conservation Commission will provide notice to all abutters and meet on 4/26

Meeting adjourned: At 8:35