

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



**Meeting Agenda and Minutes**

**October 20, 2016**

**Present**

Chairman: Jim Luening

Member: Francoise Forbes, Susan Horowitz, Marshal Giguere (conference call), Alex Woodle, Art Prest,  
Bill Strickland

Guest: Judy Andersen

**Meeting** Called to Order at 7:10 PM

**Budget:** \$2,385.00

**Minutes** for September 15, reviewed and Art motioned to accept, Alex second and all voted in favor.

**Duck Pond:** Jim requested Solitude to do a complete Bathymetric mapping and a baseline vegetation survey on Baddacook and Duck Pond at a cost of \$2,300. Art moved to survey Duck Pond all voted to accept.

Alex and Bill visited duck Pond; Alex indicated this was his first time on the pond and was pleased to see the wild life inhabitants. Judy indicated the water was muddy and low. Bill indicated that we did not see any invasive vegetation, identified Bladderwort. pond lilies, floating heart and pickerel weed.

**Lost Lake:** Water Department Request Presented by Jack Mccaffrey on Wednesday at the GLA meeting to schedule the pulling of the boards in the Lost Lake dam. The purpose is to conserve the water in Whitney Pond since the Whitney well supplies 70% of the water to the Town Of Groton. The concern in not pulling the boards is damaging docks, walls and the work done on Sargisson beach area.

**Watershed Advisory Committee:** Art Indicated the contractors have started testing on October 19 and results not available. Marshall signed out at 8 pm.

**Baddacook Pond:** Jim and Bill have been meeting with the Water Commissioner and Tom Orcutt to determine an alternate weed control process. Solitude Lake Management (Marc Bellaud ) our contact has suggested we do whole pond harvesting to reduce biomass and Hydro-raking. The Hydro-raking will be considered as a test in specific areas. Bill took an action to submit the information to the Conservation Commission.

**Harvester:** The Harvester was pulled from Baddacook and returned to the Transfer Station.

**Weed Watchers Program:** Alex indicated that enrollment was spotty. Also identified a Pond in Sutton that charges user fees for boat ramp use, these fees could be used to fund the weed watchers program and also porta- potties. The cost of the porta- potties is \$800-\$1000 per summer. Alex had met with Pat Huckery of the Fish and Game. Alex indicated that the fees could raise approximately \$1500