



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

Minutes

Present

Chairman: **Jim Luening**

Member: Francoise Forbes, Alex Woodle, Art Prest, Marshall Giguere, Bill Strickland

Absent: Susan Horowitz

Guests: Judy Anderson,

Meeting With Selectman and Water Commissioners, Jim Luening presented a non-herbicide approach that would consist of Hydro-raking to remove biomass followed by aggressive weed Harvesting. The committee is submitting a request for CPC funds for a 3 year project costing \$100,000 first year and \$84,000 for the second and third years. The subsequent years will require \$26,000 each year for maintenance. Tom Orcutt reported that the Water Commissioners were supporting this effort. Mark Haddad indicated that the follow up was important since the funds in the first three year would be wasted if not maintained. The GPAC was asking for support for the Project. Peter Cunningham indicated that this was a worth while project, Josh Degen suggested that we should find another solution such as Carp. Barry Pease indicated that he was not in favor. The Selectman voted to support the project with one abstention.

After the joint meeting, the GPAC Meeting moved to second room to reconvene GPAC meeting

November Minutes: Minor changes were recommended, Marshall mentioned that the minutes should also list members not in attendance. Alex motioned to accept minutes with changes, Francoise second the motion and all votes in favor.

Financial \$2385: \$2300 designated to Solitude to study Duck Pond and Baddacook

Duck Pond: Jim will check with Solitude to get a status on the survey.

Lost Lake: Alex indicated that there was an Eagle scout project to install water bars and rain gardens. He will do a write up in the spring.

Water Shed Advisory Committee: Art commented that ESS had not finished the testing.

Alex indicated that he wanted to make a motion that the GPAC support the Town taxing boats to pay for the porta potties for The Lost Lake and Baddacook porta potties. Marshall indicate that this was a point of order. Alex withdrew and will submit at the next meeting.