

**Town of
Groton
Massachus
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Great Pond
Advisory**



Committee

Minutes

September 21, 2017 Legion Hall

Present: Francoise Forbes, Marshall Giguere, George Wheatley, Jim Luening, Alex Woodle

Not Present: Susan Horowitz, Art Prest, Savas Danos

Meeting called to order at 7:05pm

Financial report, \$2321.75 balance in GPAC's account.

A motion to approve minutes of last meeting made by Wheatley, seconded by Woodle, and passed unanimously.

Baddacook Pond Harvesting Report

One hundred twenty hours of weed harvesting performed by SOLitude which is 75-80% of target area. Reasons for less than 100%: some were missed, some weeds were stacked up below cutter bar, Bill Strickland using GLA's harvester to continue weed harvesting and clean –up what was missed.

Given lateness of season and continued harvesting by private sources, scheduled second harvesting may not be required.

Hydroraking to start September 22, 2017 and continue for three weeks. SOLitude will bring their harvester to assist in this operation. The first efforts will use the boat ramp for removal of the material. As the harvesting area shifts, a different take out point will be used.

The Water Department with the unanimous approval (September 12th) of the Water Commissioners will give up to \$10,000 for this part of the project with the funds to be spent by December 31, 2017. This gift was contingent on certain criteria which are outlined in attached letter.

A motion to receive these funds (\$10,000) from the Water Department was made by Woodle, seconded by Wheatley and passed unanimously.

A new egress point for material extracted by hydroraking was identified and approved by the Water Department. This area is near the Water Department's building.

Lost Lake/ Knops Pond

Brief discussion by Woodle of conversation with SOLitude biologist touring the lakes noting the results of 2017's weed treatment. Biologist has identified a number of Cabomba (Fanwort) plants in and near clumps of lily pads and rafted bladderwort. Final report will be completed by November.

Brief discussion of leaving Baddacook Pond's portapotty in place a month beyond contract for use by workmen. A motion was made by Giguere, seconded by Wheatley and passed unanimously to spend up to \$200 for the extended use of the toilet. Woodle will call company to notify them.

A motion to adjourn made by Giguere, seconded by Wheatley and passed unanimously at 8:10.

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