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Minutes

October 26, 2017 Town Hall

Present: Francoise Forbes, Susan Horowitz, Marshall Giguere (on phone), Art Prest, Jim Luening,

Not Present: Alex Woodle, Savas Danos, George Wheatley

Meeting called to order at 7:20PM

Financial report review was deferred to next meeting.

Minutes of September 21, 2017 GPAC meeting were approved by Marshall Giguere, Jim Luening, Francoise Forbes with Art Prest and Susan Horowitz abstaining.

Duck Pond Discussion

Duck Pond residents talked about the possibility of using “Nano Bubblers” to increase the oxygen level in the pond. Art Prest talked about the need for a complete study of oxygen, phosphates, nitrates etc. levels in Duck Pond and the possibility of using CPC funds for such studies, and the possible use of Alum if high phosphate

levels are found. Jim Luening talked about how attempts at some other ponds had failed (e.g., suction harvesting in parts of Lake Cochituate). Francoise suggested that that Duck Pond residents attend Mass COLAP meetings to gather information and talk with other attendees. Marshall talked about the possible use of CPC funds for restoring Duck Pond. Art talked about the need to garner support from the Groton Conservation Trust in restoration efforts for Duck Pond. Art offered to send the ESS watershed study of Lost Lake and Knops Pond to Bob Anderson and John Valentine.

Baddacook Pond Harvesting Report

Jim Luening reported that the hydro-raking of Baddacook pond was working well. Jim covered the efforts being done on weed harvesting and hydro-raking. He indicated that the hydro-raking was about done for this year. Jim also discussed the use of a probe to measure muck depth.

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