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Minutes

January 18, 2018

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

Absent: Savas Danos, Susan Horowitz, Art Prest

Guests: Bob and Judy Anderson, Remi Kaleta

The meeting called to order at 7:05 pm.

Minutes: A motion was made by Wheatley to approve the minutes of November 16, 2017. Seconded by Giguere. They were approved unanimously.

Financial Report: Treasury has \$4546.75 which included monies for a report by SOLitude from the spring. We will contact them to bill us.

Duck Pond Update: Bob Anderson gave a detailed report (attached) about plans to submit an application to the CPC for funding an aeration project to reduce muck and increase dissolved oxygen in Duck Pond. The hope is to reduce the phosphorus and subsequent weed growth. The project's budget is \$48,000 of which some money has been raised by local residents. The electricity bill would be \$5000 annually. The residents were asking for a letter of support.

GPAC voted to support and be signatory to the project and notify the Selectmen. Wheatley made the motion to support and Woodle seconded it. Motion carried unanimously.. Wheatley motioned to be signatory and Giguere

seconded it. Motion carried unanimously. Woodle motioned for Remi Kaleta's membership to GPAC. Giguere seconded it. Motion carried unanimously.

Lost Lake/ Knops Pond Update: Woodle briefly discussed Lost Lake Watershed Advisory Committee's presentation to Selectmen. Report circulated by Luening. Education, further study of phosphorus sources and non-point sources (604b funds). Need to develop BMP for non-point source pollution (319 funds) working with DPW. Alum treatment in lake and in stream to bind Phosphorus.

Baddacook Pond Update: Summary report by SOLitutde posted, upcoming meeting of Baddacook residents to discuss 2018 treatment efforts. Woodle emphasized the need to follow the plan funded by CPC and Town in order to see if this three year treatment plan is effective. Some resistance to this plan by some residents, however, the GPAC and Selectmen have the obligation to see funds expended in manner presented. Following three year plan, residents can decide to take a different course.

Hydroraking while effective is a very short term solution and requires repeat harvesting at least every other year. Very expensive.

CPA application submitted for third year to be voted on at town meeting.

Adjournment

Giguere motioned for adjournment, seconded by Wheatley, unanimously moved at 8:21.

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