



Town of Groton Massachusetts Great Pond Advisory Committee

Minutes

June 20, 2019

Present: Woodle, Luening, Prest, Kaleta, Wheatley, **Not Present:** Horowitz, Giguere

Guest: Joe Bozek

Meeting Minutes:

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 by Chairman.

Financial report: There remains \$1792.33. Woodle suggested that the remaining fiscal year funds be made available to the Groton Lakes Assn (GLA) to defray costs of lake treatment. Woodle made the motion, Wheatley seconded, committee voted unanimously for motion.

Duck Pond- Measurement points are messed up and waiting for SOLitude to straighten them out. Bacteria treatment held up as company out of stock. Bladderwort most extensive species in pond. Water lily not as prevalent this season. Kaleta briefly described nanobubbles as a treatment.

Lost Lake/Knops Pond June 11th treatment was applied to manage curly leaf pond weed and algae. SOLitude has recommended a full lake treatment next year as Cabomba is beginning a comeback in a number of places. Luening has reviewed all lakefront properties and calculated the tax differentiation versus like properties in town. Due to the watershed view, there is a difference of \$80,000 or more. Suggestion that a brainstorm meeting be held with Mark to determine how we can establish a maintenance fund for all inhabited water bodies in the town to help pay for annual maintenance of these resources. Woodle suggested that one way might be to consolidate various committee funds (Sargisson Beach, Harvester and GPAC) which yield over \$18,000/year.

Baddacook Pond Less vegetation than last year, too early to see how harvesting has had an effect. Year three is set to begin with SOLitude as contractor for final year. Harvester down at the moment.

Whitney Pond Bozek reported on his conversations with Orcutt about alternate ways to bring the harvester to the pond. While he was pleased that the residents were looking for a mechanical versus a chemical means, he shot down the idea of making a road through Whitney well property as it came within the 400 foot radius of the well. Conversation with DEP proved no more successful in gaining permission. Possible try to bring harvester trail down Valley Road may be tried later.

Adjournment: Prest motioned, Wheatley seconded, voted unanimously.

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