Farm Pond Advisory Committee

Minutes of Tuesday Oct 22 Meeting

- Members present: Karyn Kaplan, Pat LeBlanc, Catherine Rocchio, Jackie Martin
- Guests Present: Jeanne Guthrie

- The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by chair, Catherine Rocchio because a quorum was reached

1. Meeting minute review

   a. Minutes from the 9/10 FPAC meeting were distributed for review. A motion was made by Ms. Kaplan and seconded by Ms. Martin to accept the minutes as presented and passed unanimously.

2. Report of motor on pond

   a. Ms. Sophie Cannon, abutter to Farm Pond, reported a canoe was on the pond with an electric motor on Oct. 12 at 2PM. Sophie reported the issue to the PD. Sophie then alerted Ms. Rocchio who shared the information with FPAC. Sophie would like to understand the follow-up that was done if possible. **Action item:** Cath to follow up with the PD regarding this incident

3. Report from Sept. 12, 2019 Select Board Meeting regarding Farm Pond Reservation access

   a. FPAC members Catherine Rocchio, Melinda O’Neill, Pat LeBlanc, and Irene Sarantes Bassalee attended this meeting. Decision to ensure reservation is open (with Boat Ramp closed when it is not staffed for monitoring) was in line with what FPAC supported. Lots of interesting discussion which should be noted in meeting notes from Select Board Meeting. FPAC did not have any particular role or speaking activity at the meeting – just there to observe/support if called upon (and we weren’t).

   b. **Action item:** Cath to follow up with P.D. to ask if the reservation lot will be “monitored” by PD during regular patrols. Also noted parking lot gate broken – will be repaired soon.

4. Protective Actions

   a. Berm

      i. Beaver has built a lodge on top of the berm. Pat L. will be liaison to animal control professional to ask what next steps can be. As of Nov. 1, an emergency permit is not required from BOH.
ii. For repair work on the berm

1. Pat L. will talk to a Select Board member on appropriate next steps, ultimate desire is to get a line item on budget that is managed by Select Board and berm is “thought about each year”

2. Cath owns filing a Notice of Intent with ConCom

b. Rapid Response Plan – Cath - no updates

c. Surface water protection plan – Cath/Melinda – refer to notes from 9/10 meeting for latest thoughts. No other specific updates

d. Boat Washing Station – Cath/Jackie

   i. Evolve this with a pipe water flow instead of hose?

      1. Action item Cath - Talk to Sean about possibilities

      2. Info station – Jackie will write application for an SBA grant which must be submitted mid Nov.

e. Water testing – Adam/Tom – No specific updates. Refer to notes from 9/10 meeting for latest thoughts.

f. General Plan items – no discussion this meetings

5. Outreach actions

a. Weed watchers activity from summer – Jackie Action item – Jackie will write up report from 2019

b. Bait handling outreach – Adam – no updates this meeting

c. Abutter outreach - Karyn

   i. Action item: Cath still owes Karyn first pass at blurb on what we do. BUT Karyn may blast to email list info about reporting motors or suspicious activity at Pond – using recent example.

6. New Business

a. Pat L. brought up concerns about fencing at the Farm Pond Reservation. Would enhanced fencing deter boats from being lifted around gates? Site visit next step? With Sean or do we take pictures and make recommendations? Pat L/Cath discuss.

7. Next Meeting – Tuesday Nov. 19, 2019