

Farm Pond Advisory Committee

Minutes of February 27, 2012

Members present: Pat Cassell, Pat LeBlanc, Jackie Martin, Bob Murchison, Melinda O'Neill, Catherine Rocchio.
Associate member present: Ellen Heffron. Guest present: Craig Surman
Member absent: Matt Neutra.

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm by Catherine Rocchio, Chair.

1. The Minutes of January 23, 2012, were approved with the following correction.

7. Communication/Outreach

- a. Farm Pond Booklet - Pat C. got this moved to a more easily accessible location on the website.

Catherine welcomed our guest, Craig Surman, who has expressed an interest in possibly joining the committee.

Pat C. presented her review and recommendations of the various categories of fees collected for Farm Pond use. Discussion followed. Some modifications were made to streamline the list, which will be presented to the Selectmen for approval.

Pat C. presented a compilation of previously discussed gate management and enforcement issues for committee approval before being submitted to the Selectmen. Discussion followed. The committee agreed that protection against aquatic invasive plants is our primary goal and stricter enforcement of the rules and regulations is necessary to achieve that goal.

Catherine left the meeting at 8:20 pm and Pat C. led the rest of the discussion.

Jackie reported that she had received a communication from John McAllister of Norfolk Ram saying that the drawings were done and being submitted to the Conservation Commission to see if another Notice of Intent is necessary. Pat C. reported that the Conservation Commission members feel that the project design may be overkill and too large for the task. They are going to ask John to see if he can come up with a scaled down version and the money saved could be used somewhere else.

Jackie reported that she is reviewing the dates for the Weed Watchers class in June/July and will see if she can set something up before the next meeting.

New Business: Melinda raised some concerns about Swim Lessons on Farm Pond. She wondered if FPAC could suggest that improvements be made to the instructional program to move it along faster and add some creativity to the classes. It was decided that the committee would pass the request along to the Waterfront Director and invite him to a meeting to discuss plans for the upcoming season at Farm Pond.

Pat C. reminded everyone that some committee members' terms of office will expire in June and we need to begin to think about renewal or recruitment.

The meeting adjourned at 9:14 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for March 19, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Cassell
Acting Secretary