

Farm Pond Advisory Committee

Minutes

February 9, 2010

Members Present: Doug Cassell, Pat Cassell, Judy Cohn, Catherine Rocchio, Bob Murchison

The meeting was called to order at 7:37 PM.

Minutes of the meeting of Jan. 20th, 2010 meeting were approved with Pat motioning and Judy seconding.

Status Reports:

Medfield Water Rights: Dan Keyes has plans to get together with DCAM (Dept. of Capital Asset Management) regarding this issue. There are three meetings with DCAM planned with several different agenda items but we aren't sure that Farm Pond water rights issue will be discussed at these meetings. We are hoping they will be.

The Home Rule petition went through the house, is sitting in the senate committee. Dan Keyes has a "to do" to meet up with Paul DeRensis to try to move this forward to Sherborn's benefit.

Discussion on topics related to the Response to Selectmen re action plan for overcrowding:

- Doug just got data on the number of times on-call lifeguards were required. *****ACTION ITEM***** Carry forward discussion about the numbers of on-call lifeguard pulls, financial implication. To be discussed at next meeting.
- The Mile Swim will not be held in Sherborn this summer.
- There is a March 1st Selectmen's meeting to discuss the overcrowding and it is possible that the non-resident sticker process could be discussed.
- The group reviewed Doug's data on cars/day, drop-offs – this data will be presented at the Selectmen's meeting on 3/1. This data was compiled from guard log book tallies on foot, bicycle, car, drop-off traffic etc.
- The Board of Health had a meeting last Wed. We need to work with them to start/develop a protocol for communication when the pond is closed due to bacteria. The BOH supports getting good signs. They are/we should discuss other locations around the pond for where these signs should be erected/information posted. The plan is to have a sub-meeting with FPAC/BOH members (Chris Owen is driving this). The plan of the BOH is to continue both e-coli and enterococci testing.

Capital Requirements: Jeanne said there is \$1300 left on the grant to use for erosion control project at Farm Pond.

Actions on Age-limit for drop-offs: What remains is a warrant article to be included for town meeting to perform the “house-keeping” duties on this. A reference to a date will be struck from the town by-laws.

Parking Lot Paving Project: Doug is trying to get numbers .. initial number estimates for costs to re-pave the Farm Pond parking lot.

Update on length proposal for Farm Pond Boats requiring permits: We haven't heard anything further on our recommendation on this. We spent some time discussing the fact that it would be a good public service/intent if residents were reminded to get numbers for their boats.

New FPAC member Bob Murchison will be nominated this week at the Selectmen's meeting.

Still looking for FPAC member – Judy's term is expiring and she would like to retire from this particular committee.

New Town Website/Farm Pond Info Booklet – Any day now the website should launch. We would like to integrate the FP info booklet into the website.

NEW BUSINESS: We discussed a recent “private property” sign that has been posted at the edge of the FP reservation/beach (assume by the resident on that side of the pond). We also spent a few moments discussing, with the benefit of Bob's presence – some of the concerns that FP waterfront owners have with “round the pond” walkers, No specific action items to be taken – just a discussion point.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Catherine Rocchio