

# Farm Pond Advisory Committee Minutes

January 20, 2010

Members Present: Doug Cassell, Pat Cassell, Matt Neutra, Judy Cohn, Steve Scrimshaw  
Guests Present: Maryellen Salamone

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM.

Minutes of the December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009 meeting were approved as presented.

## Status Reports

- (a) Medfield & Water Rights – It looks like the water rights issue is not going to be resolved any time soon. The committee requested the Selectmen to send letters to Rep. Linsky and Senator Brown expressing strong support for the Home Rule Petition. The letters have not been sent. Dan Keyes told Doug that he would be meeting with DCAM to discuss several issues, including the Home Rule Petition and the needed pump house roof repairs.
- (b) Financial – Analysis indicates that each time on-call guards are called in, it costs about \$103 per incident. Maryellen will create an estimate of the number of times these incidents occurred this season. Doug will use this information to prepare a report to the Selectmen on the seasonal cost of such over-crowding incidents, including swim meets.
- (c) Maryellen stated that she feels that The Mile Swim is an unnecessary financial and resource burden to the Town and the Reservation. Unlike the DS Boosters Triathlon, it does not benefit the Sherborn community. The FPAC voted unanimously to support Maryellen's position and committed to communicate this recommendation to the Board of Selectman.
- (d) Update – The Selectmen appear to have accepted the FPAC recommendation that the schedule for the non-resident sticker lottery not be changed (the Farm Pond page on the Town website reflects the original schedule).
- (e) Update – The FPAC recommendations for handling over-crowding have not yet elicited a response from the Selectmen.
- (f) Update – Capital requirements — These will be discussed at the next meeting.

Preparation for the Public Hearing on Rules – The hearing will be held on February 2<sup>nd</sup> and is on the Board of Selectmen agenda for 7:50 PM.

Boat Length Requirement for Boat Permits – FPAC voted unanimously to recommend that any craft 5 feet long or over should require a Farm Pond boat permit.

Phosphate Discussion – This discussion will be revisited at a later date.

Farm Pond Booklet – The booklet was last updated several years ago. Matt Neutra volunteered to redo the booklet for distribution on the Sherborn web site. No progress has been made.

Discussion of nominees for open seat – FPAC reviewed potential candidates that live on the Pond and in the watershed. Doug will contact possible candidates.

Annual Report – The annual report was reviewed and edits were suggested. Doug will include the final edits to the report before submitting the final draft to the Selectman's office.

Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 7:30 is the date and time of our next meeting.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:46 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew Neutra