

Farm Pond Advisory Committee Minutes

March 16, 2010

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

Guests Present: Maryellen Salamone

The meeting was called to order at 7:48 PM.

Minutes of the February 9th, 2010 meeting were approved with minor corrections.

Status Reports

- (a) Medfield Water Rights – Selectman Paul DeRensis was informed at a recent meeting on the Medfield Development Project that DCAM has no plans to use the water from Farm Pond and that the pipe to Medfield State Hospital has been blocked and is no longer effective. He obtained an extension to the MEPA review comment period in order to assemble and present Sherborn’s continuing case for return of the water rights (as requested of the Mass. Legislature in our Home Rule Petition). Doug has not heard back from Paul on the status of this.
- (b) Financial – FPAC discussed the logistics of the budget for the Reservation budget. A discussion ensued about the inability to apply this year’s surplus to the next year’s budget in order to relieve the effects of the 2009 revenue shortfall. A recommendation was made to approach the Selectmen to discuss how to leverage the surplus in a way that meets DOR book keeping requirements. A sub-committee of Bob Murchison and Doug Cassell was appointed to make recommendations.
- (c) Update – Response to recommendations for managing beach overcrowding. The Selectmen want us to prepare a crowd policy guidelines document. Doug presented a rough outline and notes on the matter from his meeting with the Selectmen. Matt Neutra and Catherine Rocchio were appointed as a sub-committee to prepare a final draft of the document for review at our next meeting.
- (d) Update – Capital Requirements (cart path) & Town Meeting. This expense will go into the Omnibus Capital Budget (\$11,000).
- (e) Public hearing on rules – Change of age for unaccompanied children. The change of age was accepted. The age was raised from 10 to 12 years old. The signs at the pond need to be changed to reflect the new policy.
- (f) Beach Closings – Meeting with the BOH, drafting of a “protocol”. The proposed draft protocol was reviewed by FPAC. “Closed” sign locations were discussed. Removable signs on easels were proposed. This subject will be discussed further with the Board of Health and its chairman, Chris Owen.
- (g) Update – Response on recommendations for length of overall threshold for boat permits. We have received no comment from the Selectmen on our recommendation.

Discussion of nominations to seats for terms expiring in June. FPAC discussed possible new members and recruiting methods, such as a notice on the Town website and an article in the paper. Doug noted that Michael Lesser informed him that a joint FPAC/Open Space Committee appointment is unlikely.

Farm Pond Booklet Matt Neutra has started redesigning the Farm Pond Booklet.

Press article FPAC discussed the creation of a press article for the DS paper. Catherine will draft the article for review at our next meeting. This is a different article than the one proposed for recruiting FPAC members.

Swim Team Maryellen will ask Dan Keyes to write a letter to Jen Collins and Brendan M (team coach) reminding them about the no eating policy at the pond.

Tuesday, April 20th, 2009 at 7:30 is the date and time of our next meeting.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:09 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew Neutra