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Pond Management Committee  
Sept 29, 2021  
6:30 pm Town Hall Conference Rm 1

**Agenda**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of September 8, 2021 Minutes
- III. Update on Solitude Assessment
- IV. Work on developing an action list to present to the selectman
- V. Review Ludlow Community Forum post/pictures/issues
- VI. Adjournment

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**Minutes from September 29, 2021**

Attendees: Elaine Hodgman, Julie Markiewicz, Tricia Kwasiborksi, Judy Breault, Jessica Viera, Tony Vital, Anna Vital

Unable to attend: Jettie McCullough, Lou Tulik, Natalina Tulik, Janis Santos

- I. **Call to Order**  
Meeting began at 6:30 pm
- II. **Approval of Sept 8th Minutes**
  - a. Tricia made a motion to accept the minutes; Julie seconded the motion; all approved
- III. **Update on Solitude Lake Management**
  - a. Judy received Solitude contact information from Penny and Penny asked if we would work with Solitude on assessment process. Judy contacted Brendan at Solitude and contact has not returned emails or calls. Judy contacted another employee, Becky, who committed to getting in contact with Brendan and will be back in touch no later than early week of October 4<sup>th</sup>.
    - i. Jessica shared there are dead fish on her neighbor's yard (Minnechaug/Miller Pond). Judy will point out to Solitude when assessment is scheduled
  - b. Penny has responded that we are invited to join a conservation meeting to discuss any updates we have.
- IV. **Work on developing an action list to present to selectmen**
  - a. Short Term Goals:
    - i. Members of the Pond Committee will attend the October 20<sup>th</sup> Conservation Committee Meeting to discuss (discussion on 10/13 of who will attend):

1. Solitude Update
  2. Presentation of current state of ponds
  3. Haviland Pond issues
  4. Any relevant information from Erica's materials (Belchertown)
  5. Facebook page status
- ii. The fence around the island on Haviland Pond has been removed and cleaned up!
1. Discussion on the status of Haviland Pond for 2022 (opening for recreation, lifeguards, as well as maintenance/replacement of signs and general upkeep. Tony will contact Jason Martins, Vice Chairman of the Recreation Committee to discuss.
    - a. Tony spoke with Jason and learned the reason that they closed the beach was due to Covid and not lifeguard situation they are planning on revisiting that in March and try and open this summer. He said he could give us more info.
- iii. Judy to contact State Department of Fish & Wildlife to discuss Harris Pond (is it state owned due to having a dam)
- iv. Education article for Ludlow Register has been drafted and approved by the committee.
1. Tricia waiting from response from Ellie on any concerns Tricia to follow up
  2. Tricia received the ok to create a Facebook page for the Pond Committee. Need to be aware of negative comments and how to handle.
    - a. Tricia and Jessica will work on setting up the Facebook page
- v. Tony and Anna will print out Google Earth pictures of the ponds to provide to Jessica to include in the presentation. Jessica will continue with aerial pictures of Harris, Murphy, Alden and Haviland ponds for current state and draft a power point presentation for October 20<sup>th</sup> Conservation Committee meeting. Pond committee will have dry run at October 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. Presentation can be adjusted/updated to be used for Selectman meeting presentation.
- b. Long Term Goals
- i. Obtain proposal from Solitude to share with Selectmen
  - ii. Request funding and/or budget from Selectmen based on Solitude proposal as well as longer term goals
  - iii. Coordinate with Jake Olivera's office for grant request if applicable
- V. **Adjournment**
- 7:30 pm - Judy made a motion to adjourn, Tricia seconded the motion

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Next meeting scheduled for **October 13, 2021 at 6:30 pm – Town Hall**