

Pond Management Committee
July 10, 2024
5:30 pm Town Hall Conference Room 1

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Agenda

Pledge of Allegiance

I. Call to Order

II. Approve minutes – June 6, 2024

III. Guest – John Guido – Haviland Pond discussion

IV. Update on Pond Treatment

V. Follow up from 250th Celebration

VI. Budget Discussion

VII. Pond prioritization

VIII. Adjournment

Minutes from July 10, 2024, 2024

Attendees: Judy Breault, Elaine Hodgman, Janis Santos, Bill Simons, Tricia Kwasiborksi,

Unable to attend: Tony Vital, Anna Vital, Stephen Rourke, John Guido

Guest: Joan Benoit – representing Pickeral Pond

- I. **Call to Order**
Meeting began at 5:30 pm
- II. **Approval of 6/6/24 meeting minutes** - Julie made a motion to approve, Elaine seconded, all approved
- III. Joan Benoit attended meeting to represent Pickeral Pond located adjacent to Blisswood Villiage and behind Big Y. She shared pictures and discussed removing vines that kill the trees and putting up a fence to deter the dumping of yard waste into the pond. Committee needs to verify pond ownership
- IV. **Update on Pond Treatment**
Haviland pond looks great. Very positive feedback about the pond on FB page. Harris Pond is looking better but still need to resolve the dam issue.
Judy to follow up with Goddard Consulting regarding status of Minechaog
Judy reached out to Brian Constant, President of the Aden Pond Association regarding treating of Alden Pond. Brian has shared that a few residents are concerned about treating the pond due to shallow wells. Judy offered to attend a meeting to discuss the treatment as well as have one of the employees from Water and Wetland to meet with the association. At this time, they will forego any treatment plan. Judy indicated that the budget dollars allocated for treatment may not be available next year due to other commitments.
- V. **Follow up from 250th Celebration**
We had some interest. Need to do more outreach and education
- VI. **Budget Discussion**

Judy reviewed the current budget and the committee agreed to hold off on any further allocations until pond prioritization is complete

VII. Pond Prioritization

The committee discussed we now have Minechoag for treatment and we need to circle back with Murphy pond as well as the new requests for Wade and Pickeral Pond.

Murphy is owned by 8 residents and the town of Ludlow. Judy will work with residents to get consensus for treatment before any permitting process to avoid any issues similar to Alden.

VIII. Adjournment

Julie made a motion to adjourn at 6:40; Elaine seconded it, all approved

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