

Millbury Ponds and Lake Commission ( Page 1 of 3 )

Minutes of regular meeting March 3, 2016  
Small Conference Room  
Open meeting called to order at 7 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Asst. Chair Ken Schold, Sec./Clerk Marie Cafferty, Bruce Jhorst, Matt Haddad.

Ken read the document from the Board of Selectmen Meeting of March 14, 1995 which created this Ponds and Lakes Commission. Since the original membership was designated as nine members representing the three watershed associations, we did not have a quorum tonight, so we could not approve the minutes or legally take any vote. He asked that this being the case, the T.V. camera be turned off.

Ken read the warrant article the Chair T.B Dotson was prepared to present to the Board of Selectmen. (See attachment)

CITIZENS SPEAK :

William Fox - Ramshorn Watershed Association is concerned with the need for \$600,000 more dollars for the dam rebuilding. This project keeps growing all out of proportion for a small gain for the town's people. We now have a poor situation because of the way it has been managed. The fall draw down to prevent weed growth was delayed, now it has been drastically drawn down, so we won't have any water this season, and there won't be a way to get water back in in the fall. If the dam isn't rebuilt many property owners who pay higher taxes for waterfront property will no longer be on a waterfront. Significant money has already been appropriated. Further delay does not make sense.

Someone needs to double check the decisions of the Town Meeting of 2013 regarding the dam on Brierly Pond and the money for Ramshorn's dam. It is ludicrous to blame the people who live on Ramshorn for the delay. The town

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took a project to rebuild a dam and turned it into a project to build a playground. Very little is accomplished for a great deal of money. Someone needs to look into the revelant decision of the 2013 Town meeting.

Ken Schold : Reported on the grant for dredging Dorothy Pond in the north section. This project has been in the works for 4 years. Last fall the State did further testing and discovered the presence of heavy metal in the area. The dredging was put on hold until they could get the right equipment to remove this contaminated soil. The grant will be good for the rest of this year. The dredging has to be done after the fall draw down and before Thanksgiving. Gover will allow the needed equipment on their property in that time frame. We can only hope this can be accomplished.

Linda Donovan : She would like to see an accurate brekdown of the costs of the Ramshorn project. RE: the dam itself, The road widening, the canoe launch, the proposed park are on Davis Road , the improvements to the park off West Main Street.

Several people expressed concern about the bidding process . No one seems to have been informed as of this date as to what progress or decisions have been made.

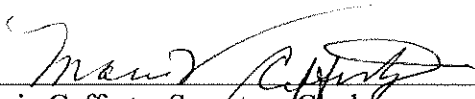
Kathy Crewe - Ramshorn Watershed Association - will go to the Selectmen's meeting when they discuss the methods to acquire extra money for the dam.

Ken thanked the citizens for coming and sharing their concerns.

Motion to adjourn : Made and seconded at 8:00 P.M.

Attachments: Warrant article, citizen attendance

Respectfully submitted

  
Marie Cafferty Secretary/Clerk

*Jerry Becker Peters*  
Assistant Chair

*Matthew Gaddad*

*James Hest*

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***"Warrant Article for Funding Millbury Ponds and Lakes Commission"***

Ramshorn Pond is a rare, pristine pond that has no invasive water weeds present.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds in the treasury, or borrow under the provisions of MCL C. 44, or any other enabling authority, a sum of money not to exceed the amount of **\$3,100.00** to be in compliance with the Massachusetts Law that attempts to control the spread of invasive water weeds, by installing a locking gate that opens for launching canoes, etc. onto, and exiting out of, the water at Ramshorn Pond, by training an unpaid volunteer Monitor for checking canoes, etc. entering Ramshorn Pond, and by providing a cell phone for the Monitor as a contact point to assist canoeists, etc. needing access to or from Ramshorn Pond.

Monitor Training:	\$ 500.00
Cell Phone for Monitor:	600.00
1 Locked Gate for Access to or from Ramshorn Pond for Canoes, etc.:	2,000.00
<b><i>TOTAL</i></b>	<b><i>\$ 3,100.00</i></b>

