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Millbury Ponds and Lake Commission

MILLBURY, MASS

Minutes of regular meeting - April 7, ~~1916~~ 2016

Call to order 7:00 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Present :Chair Terry Burke Dotson, Sec/clerk Marie Cafferty, Bruce Hjort, Matthew Haddad.

Agenda :

Minutes of meetings on February 18th and March 3rd approved.

Citizens Speak: No requests.

Old Business: Chair, Terry , Stated that according to the town clerk our membership is now only 7 rather than the nine originally appointed in 1995, therefore 4 members constitutes a quorum. We need to contact the members who have not been able to attend meetings to learn whether or not they wish to remain on this commission . Marie will do this and then submit a new list of members to the town clerk.

Discussion of meeting schedule: the majority thought that if we had fewer meetings the valuable absentee members would be more inclined to continue with the commission. A motion was made by Bruce and seconded by Matt. We voted on to reduce the number of meetings to 6 per year - January, February, March, April, either May or June, and October.

In order to follow up an the town meeting and hear Marie's report on the May 20 and 21 seminar sponsored by the Massachusetts Congress of Lake and Pond Associations our next meeting will be on June 4th.

Preparation for Town Meeting:

Terry distributed copies of our warrant article and read it aloud. She suggested we set up a table in the foyer at the Town Meeting in order to educate the citizens regarding our warrant article. She then distributed copies of materials given to us by Ramshorn Associated Linda Donovan.

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After reading this important information we each accepted an assignment to present the information at the Town Meeting.

Terry Burke Dotson - State Laws regarding environment.

Matthew Haddad -- Weed infestations and results of same.

Bruce Jhort - What has been done by the Ramshorn Watershed Association to maintain a pristine weed free pond.

Marie Cafferty - The State Bureau of Water Resources report to the town.

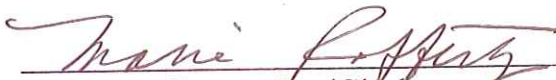
Terry looked into possibilities for public access to ponds by obtaining assessors maps of property ownership bordering Wool Shop pond and the stream leading to Eddy Pond in Auburn as well as Brierly Pond . The town does own land on Brierly. Terry would like to pursue the possibility of a town beach on Brierly. We decided the priority must be the need to repair the dam. Bruce will check up on the progress the town has made regarding this problem area. Marie will research the current status of the pond dam of Buck Brothers. Eddy Pond is in Auburn's domain .

Terry discussed further the need to respond to citizens request for public access to our ponds. We need them to know we are pursuing all possibilities in this regard.


Marie will again contact the DPW regarding cleaning of septer drains. Terry requested a site inspection of Ramshorn Dam. Bruce will meet us there Friday at 4:30.

Motion to adjourn at 8:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted



Marie Cafferty Sec/Clerk



Terry Burke Dotson Chair

