

MEETING MINUTES

BOARD OR COMMITTEE: Mill Pond Committee

DATE & TIME: Wednesday, January 10, 2018 at 7:00 PM

PLACE: Town Hall Building – 1st Floor Hearing Room

- **Present**

- Ryan Goodwin, Chair
- Deb Hamilton
- Mike Welch
- Matthew Shwom
- Zippy Corning
- Paul Delaney
- Dena Trotta
- Charlie Reynolds
- Robin Pendergast
- Neighbor of Mill Pond

- **Called to Order: 7:10 PM**

- Presentation by Bill Bacharach, Tom Flaherty, Frank Sisto and Audra Sisto from West Newbury Parks & Recreation Committee
 - Topic: *Discuss with the Mill Pond Committee regarding putting an “Enclosed Dog Park” at the Mill Pond Lower Field; Parks & Rec is proposing an enhancement to an unused area.* - (Attachment A)
 - Topic was discussed with questions from Mill Pond Committee Members
 - Parks & Rec Members were asked if the following questions/action items could be provided back to the Mill Pond Committee in a timely manner
 - Please check with Open Space Committee as to what other feasible pieces of property could support this initiative
 - Request was made to inform & get feedback from the Conservation Committee due to following concerns:
 - Proximity to running water & Dam
 - Drainage into Water
 - Wetlands Encroachment
 - Bill Bacharach requested if a Motion could be made by voting members “if the Mill Pond Committee would be open to seeing a proposal for this dog park.”

- Motion made by Ryan Goodwin: “Would Mill Pond voting members be open to seeing a formal proposal for a Dog Park for the area adjacent to the lower field and Rt. 113/Main Street
 - Second Motion – Deb Hamilton
 - Motion Passed 5-2
- Updates from Ryan Goodwin on Mill Pond Eagle Scout Project
 - Nate Heuser who completed work on the Mill Pond Building this past summer had recently presented his project to the Eagle Scout Board and would be awarded his Eagle Scout Badge
- Discussion on Potential Mill Pond Winter Carnival – 03FEB2018
 - Ryan Godwin had spoken with Glenn Kemper who had agreed to a Saturday Date – February 03, 2018 and would provide food
 - Ryan Goodwin to call Michael Dwyer, West Newbury Fire Chief and inquire about contributing
 - Ryan Goodwin to call Gary Bill about potential snow removal assistance
 - Dena Trotta to contact Girl Scouts for assistance in selling drinks etc.
 - Ryan Goodwin to call Boy Scouts about potential assistance in parking cars/directing vehicular traffic
 - Mike Welch to check on Mill Pond Winter Carnival Signs
 - Mill Pond Committee Members to meet at Mill Pond Building on Saturday 01/27 at 10AM to look through Carnival Supplies and discuss weather and ability to hold carnival
 - Ryan Goodwin to update Winter Carnival Flyer for 2018 Dates
- **Open Discussion:**
 - Matt Shwom Presented updates from Committee Heads meeting at Town Hall to discuss communication and Website Process Improvements
 - More efforts and attention would be paid by committee members to ensuring meeting agendas and minutes posted in a timely and transparent manner
 - Would work to keep our page on the Town Website more current
- **Adjourned: 9:10 pm**