

Pond Management Committee  
February 12, 2025  
5:30 pm  
Hearing Room 1

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### **Agenda**

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Call to Order
3. Approve minutes – November 13, 2024
4. Meeting Dates - 2025
5. Grant Decision
6. Murphy NOI
7. Minechoag/drought
8. New Resource - Nancy
9. Budget Review
10. New Business
11. Adjournment

### **Minutes from February 12, 2025**

Attendees: Judy Breault, Julie Markiewicz; Stephen Rourke, Tricia Kwasiborski, Elaine Hodgman  
Unable to attend: Tony Vital, Anna Vital, Janis Santos, Bill Simons

#### **2. Call to Order**

Meeting began at 5:30 pm

#### **3. Approval of November 13, 2024 meeting minutes**

- Julie made a motion to approve, Steve seconded, all approved

#### **4. Meeting Dates**

Judy will schedule all of 2025 meetings and provide dates to the committee.

Wednesday - April 9, 2025

Wednesday - May 14, 2025

Wednesday, June 11, 2025

Wednesday, July 9, 2025

Wednesday, August 20, 2025

Wednesday, September 17, 2025

Wednesday, October 15, 2025

Wednesday, November 12, 2025

#### **5. Grant Decision**

Ludlow was not selected for the Mass Wildlife Habitat Grant. Marc Strange was notified in early January. We will reapply in 2025.

#### **6. Murphy NOI**

NOI (Notice of Intent) for Murphy Pond permit has been started. Judy will work with 9 additional pond owners to sign off on treatment depending on water level. Level is very low.

#### **7. Minechoag Drought**

We are in a significant drought period since September 2024. Steve shared Mass Drought Monitor which indicates drought will continue into 2025. Judy will contact Goddard Consulting about continuing protected plant survey.

**8. New Resource - Nancy**

Bill introduced Judy to Nancy who served with the Southwick Congamond Lake association and has offered to assist us with our work. Judy will meet with Nancy on February 18<sup>th</sup> to share our progress and ask her guidance and advice on Minechoag as well as other ideas she may have.

**9. Budget Review**

Judy shared the current budget and although we did not get the anticipated grant for funding for Harris and Alden Ponds, the Selectmen did approve additional funding to include these ponds if the grant was not received. Judy will verify that the funds are still available.

**10. New Business**

Discussed additional tree sponsor requests

The Crowley Team

Jesse Michael

Trees were set up December 15<sup>th</sup> in 2024

Can the Pond Committee do fund raisers?

**11. Adjournment**

Julie made a motion to adjourn at 6:40, Tricia seconded, all approved