

Pond Management Committee
September 5, 2024
5:30 pm
Town Hall Hearing Room 1

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Agenda

- Pledge of Allegiance
- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Approve minutes – July 10, 2024
- 3. Update on Haviland, Minechoag, Murphy Pond & Pickeral Pond
- 4. Facebook page updates/membership
- 5. Recording meetings
- 6. Budget Discussion
- 7. Pond prioritization
 - i. Minechoag
 - ii. Murphy
 - iii. Wade (westover golf course)
 - iv. Pickeral (near Big Y)
- 8. Adjournment

Minutes from September 5, 2024

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

1. **Call to Order**
Meeting began at 5:30 pm
2. **Approval of July 10, 2024 meeting minutes** - Steve made a motion to approve, Elaine seconded, all approved
3. **Update on Haviland, Minechoag, Murphy Pond & Pickeral Pond**
Haviland & Harris pond are scheduled for a post treatment survey on Thursday, September 12, 2024.
Minechoag pond water level is too high to complete the protected plant survey. Goddard Consulting offered to work with NHEPS and Water & Wetland to discuss and alternative treatment plant (treating further away from water edge). No update at this time.
Bill inquired about a fountain in Minechoag. Bill and Tricia will research
Murphy pond is jointly owned by Town of Ludlow and 9 residents abutting Murphy Pond. Judy partnered with a resident and walked to owners homes to discuss treatment and get input before permit process begins. All owners are on board with treatment.
Pickeral pond is jointly owned by Ludlow Housing Authority, Big Y and Blisswood. Judy will research Ludlow Housing Authority (is this under Town of Ludlow). Judy did discuss ownership with Joan Benoit and suggested she present to Blisswood owners association.
4. **Facebook page updates/membership**

Before approving membership to the Pond Committee Facebook page, confirm they are Ludlow resident and an active participant in the community.

5. Recording meetings

The committee opted to not record the live meetings at this time. The community has the opportunity to review agendas and minutes on the Town of Ludlow website.

6. Budget Discussion

Judy reviewed the remaining budget. Judy suggested we meet with Selectmen for an update as well as request additional ARPA funds that need to be allocated.

Judy contacted Jake Olivera and his Director, Jennifer Pickering. Jennifer sent some grant information. Judy is currently working on one and will send to Marc Strange for review.

7. Pond prioritization

- a. **Minechoag** – this will be our priority one and will continue to work with Goddard and Water & Wetland.
- b. **Murphy** will look to gain permit over the winter with planned treatment in Spring
- c. **Wade (westover golf course)** Julie indicated that her husband saw a Water & Wetland vehicle at the golf course. Judy will follow up with Water & Wetland to see if they are working with Westover independently.
- d. **Pickeral (near Big Y)**

8. Adjournment

Judy made a motion to adjourn at 6:40, Elaine seconded, all approved

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