

Groton Water Commission

Regular Meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners

Tuesday, January 28, 2014

2nd Floor Lunch Room – Town Hall

Minutes

Present are BOWC Chairman James Gmeiner, Vice Chairman Hoglund, Member David Crocker, Water Superintendent Thomas Orcutt.

Guests: J. Luening, A. Prest, B Strickland, C. Macy, S. Horowitz

Mr. Gmeiner called the regular BOWC meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

Baddacook Pond

The Board members are working on two "draft" versions on their disposition of a Sonar application at Baddacook Pond proposed by GPAC (Great Ponds Advisory Committee) that the BOWC's denied on January 21, 2014. The Board spent most of their time reviewing the longer version on their position to not allow the use of Sonar or Fluridone in Baddacook Pond. After careful review and minor edits, Commissioner Hoglund made a motion to accept their disposition memorandum with a second from Commissioner Crocker. There was no discussion amongst the Board Members. Prior to the formal vote to accept the memorandum, a member of the GAPC, Mr. Luening asked the Board to reconsider its earlier vote and then stated that the BOWC's could be held liable if a drowning did occur in Baddacook. The Board members took exception to this statement and position and stated that safety issues related to swimming and boating is the responsibility of others and that all boaters should be wearing life jackets and perhaps the Town should post the pond "swim at your own risk". Mr. Crocker stated that the Board is not opposed to "other" methods of weed control, just not with Sonar. There were no more questions and or discussions. The Board reaffirmed its earlier vote and the disposition memorandum regarding their position on the Sonar application in Baddacook Pond – Unanimous Vote (3 - 0).

The Board requested that the Superintendent send the final memorandum to the BOS et al and to draft a response regarding the potential safety issues with swimmers at Baddacook for a later discussion.

Minutes:

There were no minutes submitted for approval at this meeting.

Bills:

The bills presented to the Board were all signed and submitted for payment.

Mr. Hoglund made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 p.m. Mr. Crocker seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas Orcutt
Water Superintendent

James Gmeiner _____ Date _____

Gary Hogle _____ Date _____

David Crocker _____ Date _____