

Approved June 14th, 2021 Minutes of Water Mill CAC

Members present: Steve Abramson, Steve Lerner, Marlene Haresign, James Egerton-Warburton, Rachel Verno, Karen Sutton

Non Members present: Trustee Ed Warner, Trustee Ann Welker

MILLPOND:

- Discussed the specifics of the application process to the WQIPP. The application approvals most likely will not be decided until July and then the Town Board approval process would be in September/October. The Trustees will be doing the RFPs concurrently so if and when the project is approved, the bids will be in.
- While we will not make the June target date for carp removal, there may be time depending on the weather to harvest carp in October.
- There had been discussion about funding carp removal from other Town sources, but that is not available.
- Trustee Warner suggested that we look at this project as a 5 year plan so that future needs such as carp removal and floating islands can move forward efficiently and without interruption. All the contracts for carp removal, floating islands, etc should be made for 5 years which would follow the 5 year plan that has been submitted to the WQIPP.
- Trustee Welker discussed DEC reports on algal blooms and Millpond is in comparatively good shape to other impaired bodies of water in the area. The storm water abatement plan down Deerfield Road has definitely made an enormous difference along with the implementation of the floating islands and carp removal.
- The feeling is that Millpond is on the right track. Chris Goebler has confirmed this.
- Discussion about the LG devices being used in Agawam and that they have not been effective.
- Discussion about the floating islands, where to store them for the winter and where to locate them on a more permanent basis. This past year some of the islands broke loose, so they will be anchored more securely. Some residents have expressed issues with placing the floating islands in front of their property, so attention will be paid to what issues may be of concern; ice boating, fishing, ice skating etc. The floating islands have proven to be successful and there is hope that more will be placed in the pond in the future.
- Trustee Warner discussed a presentation by Steven DeSimone that the Trustees will be arranging regarding restocking the pond with large mouth bass. When that presentation is scheduled, the Trustees will let us know so we can attend.
- Discussed the possibility of adding a phosphorus filter to the drainage system.
- Discussed the cut at Flying Point, which has not been opened, and the need to do something immediately.
- After Trustee Welker and Warner left, the members discussed harvesting the lily pads this year.

ATLANTIC GOLF CLUB:

- The CAC will submit a letter to the Planning Board

OTHER ISSUES:

- Discussed the proliferation of signs in the hamlet. The CAC recognizes that during COVID all businesses are trying to get back on track. There does, however seem to be more signage than necessary at certain locations.
- Philip Young has sold his property and the new owners have broken ground on the 38 unit townhouse plan. There will be 4 affordable housing units on site.

Minutes taken by Rachel Verno