

PILLINGS POND SUB COMMITTEE



MEETING MINUTES FOR THURSDAY, AUGUST 3RD, 2023

MANEY ROOM, 7:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: KIRK MANSFIELD (CHAIR), JOE DiBLASI, BRYCE FOOTE, DARLENE KUMAR, DEBRA ROBERTS, ANTONIO SORDILLO,

- Kirk Mansfield called the meeting to order at 7:35p.m.
- Discussion on Feasibility Study: there is a \$50,000 grant to study the pond. July 1st, 2023, the money is available.
- Discussion on Desktop Study: consulting company performed this. Geological maps. It sends engineers and takes samples. Could dredging be possible or dams? What do we do with materials from dredging? After study is performed then apply for federal/state/non-profit grants. \$10-\$15 million dollars dredging project. Need a "shovel ready" project before grant applications.
- Resident Patricia Fabbri spoke about her concerns regarding sediment and data from dredging. Falvey believes plants and mud are filling the pond. Fabbri mentioned Terry Bastian and his SLURPITS water pollution solution.
- Con Com: \$1 million grant for storm water catch basins
- Evelyn Noto talked about "2 ponds" - 1 side is flourishing and the other side is sinking..." deteriorating." Mrs. Noto thinks the consulting company will find arsenic in pond soil.
- Antonio Sordillo spoke and said that he lived on the pond too, and he wants a healthy pond for his kids to swim in, suggested we remove algae, spiny naiad, etc. Sordillo went on to discuss the W. Peabody dredging project of their pond. They used hydraulic process: remove soil and have it drain 1 mile from pond.
- Fabbri mentioned "hydro raking" and her concerns about cyanobacteria.
- James spoke about his concerns for the pond: carp overload. James talked about the pond in Lynn. He asked why can't we have fish? It was stated that we need 20-25 feet depth for fish and fishing. Carp eat algae.
- Resident Ed talked about how some folks fished for carp in PP but late at night. There were multiple complaints of flood lights being used while night fishing is occurring.
- Fabbri spoke about APOD, a \$30,000 application to eliminate cyanobacteria in the pond. Fabbri suggested APOD treatment instead of our current treatment method. Kumar suggested that

Falvey present her APD idea to the Con Com with the methodology and price tag. We on the PPSC do not make decisions regarding the pond treatment.

- Mansfield said that the Message Boards will be installed on Friday, August 4th, 2023: 1 at the end of Highland and 1 at Rotary Park (left of dock).
- Resident Julia H. asked if Con. Com was aware of Purple Loose Strife all over the pond surroundings? It is an invasive species.
- Resident James discussed his concerns over Phragmites and Lily Pads growing excessively in and around the pond.
- Resident Evelyn Noto asked does the PPSC need support for dredging method? Should they gather a group to attend Select Board and/or ConCom meetings? Mansfield expressed his appreciation for their support and said he will let them know.
- Fabbri mentioned barley hay as a possible way to treat the pond. The hay degrades in water.
- Sordillo made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Debra Roberts and the meeting was concluded at 8:35pm