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Pond Management Committee
July 9, 2025
5:30 pm
Hearing Room 1

Agenda

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Call to Order
3. Approve minutes – June 11, 2025
4. Vacancy on Pond Committee
Posting on Town of Ludlow website
5. Pond Treatment Updates
Discuss recent and upcoming pond treatments including final decision on Alden Pond
6. Research on Minechoag
Discuss options of how we can move forward with Minechoag despite protected plants
7. Ideas about fund raising
8. New Business
9. Adjournment

Minutes from July 9, 2025

Attendees: Judy Breault, Julie Markiewicz; Bill Simons, Elaine Hodgman, Stephen Rourke

Unable to attend: Tony Vital, Anna Vital, Tricia Kwasiborksi

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Call to Order
3. Approve minutes – JUNE 11, 2025 – Julie made a motion to approve, Steve seconded. All approved.
4. Vacancy on Pond Committee - Posting on Town of Ludlow website. Judy to follow up to see what interest there is any interest
5. Pond Treatment Updates - Discuss recent and upcoming pond treatments including final decision on Alden Pond
Murphy and Harris Ponds were treated on June 19th. Haviland Pond was surveyed to determine if treatment is needed. Alden Pond Association is holding a vote to determine if treatment is approved – votes are due by July 9, 2025
6. Research on Minechoag
Discuss options of how we can move forward with Minechoag despite protected
Discussion included comparing areal maps from 1970s of Minechoag Pond size to 2025 to determine if the pond naturally receded over the years which could prove the highwater mark (where the protect plants were) has significantly shifted. Therefore, the plants would not be impacted by treatment. Julie and Elaine agree to search into the town records.
The road runoff continues to run into the pond. Judy stated that Jamie from DPW has assured me that the storm drains have been fixed to address this. Bill disagrees.
Suggestion of setting up a meeting with DEP/NHESP/Selectmen and DPW to discuss options for treating Minechoag.
7. Ideas about fund raising - Judy to follow up with 250th committee, ideas such as Villa Rose Dine in contributions, Vanished Valley, possible Jakes, raffle calendar (Julie has a connection to a printer)
8. New Business

Julie discussed the horrible conditions of the beach area at Haviland Pond. Suggested she contact DPW and/or Recreation Committee

Next meeting will include review/reorganization of committee roles

9. Adjournment – Judy made a motion to adjourn at 6:38; Steve seconded. All approved