

## GREAT POND PRESERVE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

*Amended* Minutes of the Meeting of April 17, 2019

**Present:** Whit Osgood, Chairman; Dennis McInerney, Vice Chairman; Judy Harper, Secretary; David Gumbart; Tom Mocko; Paul Kehoe; Jessica Wallace; Jim Wright; and Lisa Zerio, Director of Parks and Recreation

Chairman Osgood called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

**1. Chairman's Report:** There was no work day last year. His recent observations for work needed now include sign repair and need to tackle invasive plants like burning bush. Paul Kehoe added that repairs to the bridge and the observation platform are needed. He also reported that the access for emergency vehicles is obstructed by fallen trees. Consensus is that the access is necessary.

**2. Old Business – Land Acquisition Update:** GPPSC contributed \$150,000 towards the purchase of acreage upstream in the Grindle Brook watershed. *Committee expressed their interest in continuing to identify potential properties to protect within the watershed and to maintain the open fields in the adjacent town parcel through mowing in the late fall.*

**3. New Business – Schedule Work Day:** 2019 Workday will be Saturday, May 18 at 9:00. Notice should advise precautions for ticks.

**4. Financial Update:** David Gumbart handed out a worksheet of Great Pond accounts managed by The Nature Conservancy. Total assets as of February, 2019 are \$398,633. Dennis McInerney moved that \$2,000 be allocated to Parks and Recreation Department for maintenance within the Preserve. The motion was seconded by Jim Wright and passed unanimously. Tom Mocko moved that up to \$4,000 be allocated for a gate at the emergency access. The motion was seconded by Dennis McInerney and passed unanimously.

**5. Approval of the Minutes:** David Gumbart moved that the minutes of February 21, 2018 be approved. The motion was seconded by Tom Mocko and passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Harper, Secretary