

## Fells Pond Village Meeting – July 13, 2019

- Catherine Power opened the meeting at 10:14 a.m.
- Fells Pond Fling was praised. It was well attended and a good time was had by all. Catherine Power was thanked for all of her work involving the Fling.
- Catherine Power introduced the committee members Ed Cohen and Marty Sullivan as well as ARC chair Tom Bone.
- Financials are in good shape. Adequate reserves. Side roads may need recoating soon. Pond treatment is an expense but worth it. Solitude Lake Management reports that Fells Pond is one of the most pristine on the East Coast. It is tested every week during the summer. Pond is between 18 and 20 feet deep.
- Storm drains are in good condition but need regular maintenance. There are 32 drains.
- Tree trimming is done in the fall. Vegetation must be four feet from the road or the town will not plow.
- Use of Fells Pond – Anyone can use the pond. Call the police if there are cars parked where there are No Parking signs.
- Question about landscaping hours. No outside vendors can work on Saturday or Sunday in the summer.
- Catherine Power spoke about issues of boundaries and the cost to resolve disputes. Requested that residents do not infringe on reserve areas or your neighbor's property.
- No boat storage on the beaches. Boats will be removed. Peninsula Council has ruled against allowing boat storage.
- Tom Caston gave a brief history of the Brain Center – established by Grace family to do international research on brain disease. Town barred them from building a conference center and hotel. At their death, the center was turned over to use by veterans.
- Cell Phone Tower – the Town Planning Board rejected the placement of the tower near the fire station. There is talk of placing repeaters in various locations.

- Special Maintenance – the big expenses in New Seabury will be due to age of existing storm drains. Fells Pond drains look OK and well maintained.
- Cottages are selling and the landscaping is well done.
- Q – Do we need more speed limit signs on Fells Pond Road?
- Rhododendron on the right side exiting Fells Pond Road needs to be trimmed back.
- Q – Can we notify by email when the pond is treated? Catherine Power will check on it.
- Tom Caston and Catherine Power received praise for their work on landscaping.
- Ed Cohen advised people to have rental insurance as part of HO3 policy.
- Questions regarding AirBNB rentals – Mike Richardson said it is legal and there is nothing you can do to stop it. There may be more than on in Fells Pond Village. Residents may complain to police about noise after 10:00 p.m., road blockage, and to the Board of Health about excess capacity issues.
- Caston’s Garden looks beautiful.
- There is a tribute bench for Jack Fitzsimmons on the main beach.
- Tom Caston reported heavy growth of foliage and they may need to do more pruning.
- Q – any progress on gas light replacement with solar? Still being looked at and used where possible. Problem when lack of sunlight is lack of electricity access.
- Tom Bone talked about need for permits for exterior work.
- Move to adjourn at 11:16 a.m.