

**TOWN OF CONCORD
SELECT BOARD
AGENDA
December 18, 2017**

7PM – Select Board Room – Town House	
1.	Call to Order
2.	Consent Agenda: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Town Accountant's Warrants
3.	Town Manager's Report
4.	Discussion of White Pond Advisory Committee charge
5.	Discuss Draft 2018 Annual Town Meeting Warrant
6.	Adjourn to Executive Session for the purposes of discussing Litigation Strategy

PENDING

Monday	January 8	7PM	Select Board Meeting	Town House
Monday	January 15	All Day	Martin Luther King Jr. Day	Town Offices Closed
Monday	January 22	7PM	Select Board Meeting	Town House
Monday	February 5	7PM	Select Board Meeting	Town House
Monday	February 19	All Day	Presidents Day	Town Offices Closed
Monday	February 26	7PM	Select Board Meeting	Town House
Monday	March 12	7PM	Select Board Meeting	Town House
Monday	March 26	7PM	Select Board Meeting	Town House

ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

for the

WHITE POND ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Background and purpose

It is the consensus of the town officials and the White Pond neighborhood groups that the town and the White Pond residents should face the White Pond issues locally. This consensus came about as a result of the denial by the State Legislature, on two separate occasions, to allow the town to establish its own land use standards by means of an exemption from the sub-standard lot laws.

The Board of Selectmen, therefore, will establish a five person Committee to serve until Sept. 30, 1975 as an advisory and liaison Committee to review and analyze the concerns of the areas and play a leadership role in programming the solutions to the recognized and accepted problems.

This Committee, appointed by the Selectmen, will serve under the general supervision of the Board. Staff guidance will be provided by the Town Manager and the departments under his jurisdiction and the Town Planner will act as the interdepartmental coordinator.

Duties and Responsibilities

The White Pond Advisory Committee shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

- (1) Isolate and identify all of the concerns of the various neighborhoods included in what is generally considered the White Pond area and group these neighborhood concerns into logical classifications, i.e. public work, health and sanitation, planning and zoning, etc.

(2) Establish a set of standards to judge the magnitude or urgency of the various neighborhood concerns.

(3) Refine the concerns identified in (1) and by a selection process, determine which should be considered for further action and which should be discarded because they do not meet the accepted standards.

(4) Review and establish the legal and procedural process to accomplish the solutions to those concerns which survive the selection process.

(5) Reevaluate the concerns which have been selected to determine the impact that their solutions would have on the effected property owners, the various White Pond organizations, the general area and the town in terms of betterments, assessments, tax rates, environmental effects, development of the area, property rights, etc. This exercise should result in a list of projects in their order of importance.

(6) Prepare the outline for the procedural steps to be taken to accomplish the projects, i.e. some may possibly be accomplished by an administrative action; others may require town meeting votes in terms of by-laws, amendments to by-laws, appropriations, etc.; others may require amendments to existing governing statutes, and so forth.

(7) Submit a progress report to the Board of Selectmen within six months from the time of the appointment of the Committee and a final report no later than September 1, 1974, recommending the course of action the Town and neighborhoods should take. Interim reports and recommended actions on specific issues will be acceptable as long as they have been considered in the context of the overall project and their effects weighed against all other factors under consideration.

(8) Advise and assist the various appropriate specific departments, boards and committees to accomplish the approved projects falling within their jurisdictional areas.

(9) Continue in an advisory capacity until the approved master program has been completed and/or until the Committee is discharged by the Board of Selectmen.

APPROVED:

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

APRIL 2, 1973

**Town of Concord
White Pond Advisory Committee
Committee Charge**

A. Background

White Pond is an approximately 40 acre Great Pond located in the southern portion of Concord. White Pond is a natural kettle pond with no surface inlets or outlets. Water levels in White Pond depend on groundwater and precipitation, and as a result, regularly rise and fall several feet over multiple year periods. However, maximum water depths are typically in excess of 50 feet. (1)

Henry David Thoreau wrote about White Pond saying “perhaps the most attractive, if not the most beautiful of all our lakes” is White Pond. White Pond and the adjacent Town-owned land provide recreational opportunities for residents and visitors, including boating, fishing, hiking, biking, skiing, skating, swimming and wildlife viewing.

Active recreational use and uncontrolled development can carry a risk to the Pond and its watershed from misuse and overuse. It was to address development concerns of the neighborhood and appropriate watershed use that the original White Pond Advisory Committee was formed.

B. Purpose

The White Pond Advisory Committee has been and continues to provide a forum for neighborhood concerns, especially with regards to quality of life and concerns for the pond and the watershed. The Committee solicits input from local residents and the broader Concord community and advises the Select Board and any other applicable Town Committees with respect to the most appropriate and effective steps to:

1. Preserve and protect the White Pond watershed to provide a safe, clean and natural environment for all residents and visitors to the Pond.
2. Provide input to help ensure that water quality, at a minimum, meets Massachusetts water quality standards for swimming in recreational waters.
3. Ensure a safe and enjoyable quality of life for residents around the pond.
4. Make the pond accessible to all Concord residents.

And to:

5. Provide a focal point for community concerns about the pond.
6. Provide guidance to homeowners within the Pond watershed to avoid any negative impact to the pond or the groundwater.
7. Provide input to the Building Inspections Division on any concerns noted with construction plans within the Watershed.

C. Committee Responsibilities

1. Solicit input on the needs, concerns and aspirations of the residents of the White Pond watershed and from the broader Concord community, and communicate recommendations to the Select Board.
2. Review and consider water quality data, analysis and recommendations from qualified sources and make recommendations to the Select Board for management of the pond ecosystem.
3. Make recommendations, as needed, to the Select Board concerning staff and resources dedicated to use of the pond, watershed, and trails.
4. Submit an update of the "State of the Pond" report to the Select Board annually.
5. Strategize on ways to obtain local, State, Federal or other resources to protect the White Pond ecosystem and provide this information [or these strategies] to the Select Board.
6. Work to build a broad base of support for the Pond.
7. Assist with education of property owners and residents in the watershed regarding impact on the pond from excessive or accelerated run off from development, improper chemical use and disposal, faulty septic systems, fertilizer and pesticide use, as well as identifying ways to improve or enhance water quality and reduce impacts from development.

D. Committee Membership

The committee shall be composed of five Concord residents to be appointed by the Select Board. Each member shall serve a term of three years. The Committee shall be led by a Chair who shall be elected by the Committee for a term of one year. The Committee will normally meet monthly.

E. Other Considerations:

The Committee shall conduct its business in full conformance with the Open Meeting Law, Public Records Law, Conflict of Interest Law and other state and local rules encouraging openness and transparency in governance. The membership shall elect its own chair. The Committee chair shall consult with the Town Manager to discuss the need for staff or financial support for the Committee's activities.

Endnotes

1. White Pond Watershed Management Plan
2. ESS Group Final Revision 5/29/15
3. A Shared Future: A Comprehensive Vision for White Pond, its Watershed and its Neighborhoods. White Pond Advisory Committee 3/29/15