In attendance: Carmen Jaquier, Susan Folgar, Cheryl Baggen

Meeting called to order 7:04

**VISION STATEMENT FOR WHITE POND**
Jane Hotchkis asked that WPAC update the Vision Statement (VS) written in 2015.

Jerry Frenkel addressed the meeting as he was the Chair of the WPAC at the time the Vision Statement was written and he stated his belief that revisions were needed as there have been material changes during the last 6 years, including:

- Changes to the beach, the cove and other lots,
- New studies:
  - ESS
  - Core Sample Study

Jerry explained the process used to create the last VS.

1) Information was collected from various sources and regarding various issues, such as:
   - Parking
   - How people were using pond (resident and nonresidents)
   - Perceived threats from Rail Trail and other development
   - Water Quality

2) This information was then organized into a table to identify key issues, relationships between issues, and urgency.

3) Information from other documents were reviewed and revised to include in VS

An example of relationship between issues: What is effect of parking on usage of the pond and how is that related to the public having access to the beach

Jerry noted: Importance of interweaving solutions so they can be more effective.

- Differentiating between data and public concerns
- He found it was best for a single person to do the actual writing
Form - Start with existing VS and add markups that reflect what has changed and this will allow everyone to see what has been effective
Here is what it was - here is what we have done - is the issue solved or have things gotten worse?

Jerry stated that the recent Core report is critical data that will support the need for continued efforts to support/improve the health of White Pond.

The VS is needed to both plan for the future and to educate individuals having a relationship with White Pond.

WPAC at the time the existing VS was written had information from studies done by CCHS the Rivers and Revolution concerned use of fertilizers by homeowners.

A suggestion was made that we solicit help from other organizations, including teachers/students for input.

Jerry noted that currently there is no Town plan for continuous study of White Pond, and that it cannot be expected that the individuals who have voluntarily tested White Pond for years will be replaced by other volunteers. There needs to be a long term plan with regard to water quality testing.
(note: Jerry left the meeting at this point)

OTHER BUSINESS

Minutes of the 12/17 /21 WPAC meeting approved.

Assignments to other committees discussed.

NRC
Recreation Susan
Selectboard every Monday at 4:00 Carmen
BFRT Carmen

Carmen gave a brief summary of discussion of the Beach Project as reviewed by the Commission on Disability at its meeting in January
Issues raised at this meeting will likely result in revisions to the Town’s plan, particularly with regard to the drop off area adjacent to the beach.

Carmen gave a brief summary of the BFRT meeting
At the BFRT meeting, Carmen reinforced her concern that the fence has to be brought closer to the overpass, but it was determined at the meeting that a metal fence cannot be extended due to cost and terrain, but a 3 rail wood fence may be extended to provide additional protection to the hillside area.

**COMMITTEE DISCUSSION OF WHAT MIGHT BE CONSIDERED IN NEW VISION STATEMENT**

Signs say no swimming but swimming has been allowed for some time.

Maybe allow day passes for swimming from the beach to prevent individuals from accessing Pond from the cove.

Bathroom facilities year round is necessary.

Nutrients from runoff and infiltration need to be addressed.

Thoreau cove has erosion

The one drain not cleaned by the Town because it is associated with a private way should be addressed in some way.

Make a connection with high school to find some organization that would take on testing on an ongoing basis.

Enforcement - Two rangers monitor many properties and question whether there could be more rangers hired.

Jane Hotchkiss indicated that due to COVID related expenses, it is unlikely that the Town will be able to add staff this year.

It was noted that a ranger has been added to Esterbrook area so remaining rangers may have more time for the Pond.

It was suggested that WPAC highlight improvements when there was a regular presence of ranger, compared to last year when there were none, other than briefly at the end of the summer.

Neighborhood issues - swimming at Sachem and not being able to park - increased traffic on Dover as well as speedingParking on neighborhood streets and seasonal ban for parking.
Mark Gailus - liked the idea of using students to engage in testing as this is not only educational but it encourages students to get more involved in environmental issues. Important to push back on tree removal and BFRT changing their charter to make

Delia - invited Carmen to coffee with Senator Eldrige to discuss the Next Generation energy bill - will count carbon capture by trees and plants. Climate Action Committee -

With regard to the Beach Plan, there was a request that the Town present a rendering perspective. Another encouraged support that the final outcome looked nice.

Meeting adjourned 8:26