



## THREE PONDS PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION

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### TPPA Membership Meeting and Cookout Minutes

**Date:** 07/27/13    **Time:** 6:00pm    **Place:** Milton Town Beach

### AGENDA

Members were first invited to help themselves to food and then the meeting began.

1. Opening remarks and overview – Steve Baker
  - a. Board members were introduced
  - b. Brief history of organization and major initiatives
2. Election of officers – Norm Turgeon
  - a. Members were asked to nominate for the Officer positions: President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary
  - b. As there were no nominations from the floor the slate was presented:
    - i. President – Steve Baker
    - ii. Vice President – Mike McDonnell
    - iii. Treasurer – Steve Baker
    - iv. Secretary – Wendy Beckwith
  - c. The slate was elected by a unanimous vote
3. Boat inspections – Bob Myrick
  - a. Two locations where boat inspections occur: Milton Town Beach using town employees and Everett’s Cove Marina. The count to date: Milton over 280; Everett’s Cove: 315
4. Weed watching – Linda Dame
  - a. Members were encouraged to participate in the formal weed watching program
  - b. Members were also encouraged to pick-up weed identification materials and to monitor their own waterfronts; anything unusual can be reported to Linda
5. COLA and TPPA grants – Wayne Sylvester
  - a. Wayne reviewed the erosion survey conducted over three summers around the Three Ponds. Properties that were experiencing erosion were identified.
  - b. TPPA now offers grants of up to \$250.00 to waterfront property owners who will make improvements to their property to limit erosion.
  - c. Maine offers the Lake Smart program that encourages waterfront property owners to create more natural, less “suburban” shorelines. The program is currently maxed out but once they have more funds TPPA is interested in participating.

6. Problems at the former Townhouse Road bridge location – Steve Baker
  - a. There have been persistent problems with youth using the pylons to jump into the water. There have also been reports of youth harassing boaters and waterfowl.
  - b. There have been formal complaints made to the Coast Guard and NH DES; representatives from Lebanon and Milton have met to discuss the problem.
7. Membership issues and suggestions- Steve Baker
  - a. Steve received a request to have meetings on Saturdays when more members are in town
8. Introduction of the speaker from The Loon Preservation Committee – Wayne Sylvester
  - a. Wayne encouraged members to visit the Loon Center in Moultonborough
  - b. Alexis Rudko offered an entertaining and informative overview of loons in the State and around the Ponds. One nesting pair here produced 2 chicks which seem to be thriving.
  - c. She discussed the recent NH legislation regarding lead sinkers. The Loon Center will exchange non-compliant sinkers with new ones.
  - d. She invited members to participate as volunteers to watch for loon activity and to help her get around the Ponds. She will kayak as needed but it takes a lot of time to scan the shoreline for nests - particularly on Northeast Pond. A number of members signed up.

The event concluded by 8:00pm

**NEXT MEETING: Saturday August 27 9:00am at Nute Library Resource Room**

**Speaker:** An invitation will be extended to State Rep John Mullen to discuss how New Hampshire is doing relative to “WATER AND WILDLIFE RESOURCES”.

Rep. Mullen, who requested the meeting, is on the Resources, Recreation and Development Committee at the State House and oversees the Dept of Environmental Services.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Beckwith  
Secretary, TPPA