



THREE PONDS PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION

TPPA Board Meeting Meeting Minutes

Date: 5/29/12 **Time:** 7:00 PM **Place:** Home of Norm Turgeon

Present: Mike DuBois; Steve Baker; Bob Myrick; Linda Dame; Norm Turgeon; Jeff Everett; Mike McDonnell (by phone); Wendy Beckwith

Steve Baker, President, convened the meeting at 7:00 pm

Wendy Beckwith was introduced as the new secretary

Steve provided the following updates:

- Treasury Balance: \$12,449; the organization still needs a Treasurer; Steve will approach others
- Boat inspections at the Town Beach: Steve received approval from Karen Brown, Recreation Director and Tom Grey, Selectman, to have gate attendants ask boat owners to fill out form at gate; there were 25 boats on Saturday and no problems; Info provided by TPPA can also be distributed; TPPA will pay the attendants 50 cents a boat

Milfoil discussion:

- It was noted that at Lovell Lake it cost them \$80,000 to remove milfoil
- Spaulding Pond: on DES website it is noted that there are 4 locations of milfoil at private boat ramps; Steve proposes a short letter be sent to property owners alerting them to perils of milfoil. Linda to make arrangements for Steve and Jeff to see infestation at Spaulding; It was noted that milfoil can also be brought in on fishing tackle.
- Mi-Te-Jo owners inform boat owners at campground
- Jeff to see if maps are available to pin-point all potential boat entry ramps around pond

Summer projects discussion:

- Steve wants to see if any of the students who built the town beach garden and steps are available for summer projects
- Steve will contact principal for names and cross-reference with gatekeepers; perhaps there is some overlap; Steve will contact students and let them know what projects are scheduled
- Mike talked with Linda Schier– for watershed management plan; she suggests building remediation projects into grant process to get matching funds; Mike has calls into Wendy Garland and Sally Soule - grant manager NH DES; – best approach is from private corporation;
- Jeff asked what insurance is needed for summer workers on remediation projects; last time NH Lakes provided insurance
- Norm - what if anything are we going to do to help residents with remediation? What do we want to tackle? Let's form a task force to review options and then have them report back to Board.
- Mike has started to research grants

- Steve visited the beach; some gardens need weeding; steps are good shape; Mike will ask Connie and/or Bob Garnett to organize weeders; town has added plantings between steps.

Steve has been in touch with Dr. Haney - a number of classes are being offered at UNH; Steve to reconnect with Haney to get more information

Website

- Mike doesn't think all watershed reports on website; also need water test reports to be posted.
- Norm handling website; Dave Dorris has been content manager but we need to check to see if he still is available.
- Minutes will be posted

Membership

- Norm is printing dues mailing; and membership renewal; Bob will stuff and mail

Weed watching

- Linda has contacted last year's weed watch volunteers; still hoping to hear from all
- 6/16/12; 1:00pm: There will be a weed watchers kick off at Everett's Cove with free ice cream;
- Retarget focus on private & public ramps. Use maps to locate ramps

Upcoming meetings

- June 21st 7:00 at HS – annual meeting ; speaker LaMarr Clannon, Maine NEMO (NonPoint Education for Municipal Officials) Coordinator.
- July 26th guest Kelly Sackheim will be in area late July –
- August 16th 6:30 guests: Amy Smagula (NH-DES) and Tiffany Grade, the Loon Preservation Comm. **NOTE: date and time change for 6:30 AUGUST 16th**

Other notes

Jeff will drop membership application off at Ray's Marina

- Mike indicated Union Meadows dam has a generator that is similar to what is being proposed
- Steve spoke with Cinny Wiatt; she is requesting a TPPA member on development committee looking to increase tax base
- Steve to also talk with Amy about attending a meeting to discuss milfoil mitigation.
- Steve: we need a new member campaign; enlist Wayne to help sell organization

ACTION ITEMS:

- Bob letter to home owners
- Committee to work on soil erosion project
- Website upgrade
- Weed watchers meeting

Submitted by Wendy Beckwith