



## THREE PONDS PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION

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### TPPA Membership Meeting Minutes

**Date:** 06/21/12    **Time:** 6:30pm    **Place:** Nute Library

### AGENDA

President Norm Turgeon opened the meeting

#### 1. Election of officers:

##### Nominations

President:                 Steve Baker  
Vice President:         Mike McDonnell  
Secretary:                Wendy Beckwith  
Treasurer:                Steve Baker

There were no nominations from the floor

Wayne Sylvester moved that the slate of candidates be accepted

The motion was seconded by Bob Myrick

The membership present unanimously approved the election of new officers

#### 2. Announcements

##### Norm Turgeon:

He will still be active with the association taking responsibility for the newsletter and website. Norm has also volunteered to be on a grant writing committee seeking funds for erosion restoration projects and what to do with Watershed Survey results. Other members include Wayne Sylvester and Mike DuBois

##### Steve Baker :

Extended thanks to Norm for his 4 years as President

The Board will discuss project ideas and pass them on to reviewed grant writing committee

There is a lot going on:

- Weed watchers met at Everett's Cove on Saturday June 16<sup>th</sup> to organize the assignments and enjoy free ice cream courtesy of Everett's Cove
- Steve has written an article on the perils of milfoil; publication in the Rochester Times is pending
- At Spaulding Pond: 4 small locations of milfoil at private boat ramps have turned into 22 acres in just a few years. Remediation has been delayed because New

Hampshire and Maine are arguing about the appropriate methods. Maine prohibits the use of herbicides while New Hampshire will use herbicides

Bob Myrick: Amy Smagula, NH DES, is becoming very concerned about fanwort and hydrilla moving into NH waters

- Residents should continue to monitor plant growth in the ponds, bag anything suspicious and send to Linda Dame or Amy Smagula
- At the Town Beach:
  - Private boats were not allowed to use the ramp during the races. Steve observed that the racers were very clean
  - Gatekeepers are being paid 50 cents a boat to conduct inspection which asks the boat owner to fill out a brief form

### 3. Presentation

Norm introduced LaMarr Clannon, Coordinator, Non-Point Education for Municipal Officials

Topic: The Link Between Land Use, Water Quality and Community Character

Key points of the presentation:

#### Water Quality

Key is to stop erosion from rain water runoff

Challenges to infrastructure eg: Piscataqua, Salmon Falls watershed rated as one of watersheds most threatened by development by USDA Forest Service Private Forests/ Public Benefits <http://www.fs.fed.us/openspace/fote/benefits.html>

Protect green spaces

Direct relationship between water clarity and property value

Lake groups should encourage:

Buffer protection

Reduction of fertilizer use

Proper camp road maintenance

Low impact development

Soak in rain close to where it falls

Tree box filters

Rain gardens

Landscaping improves proper values

Drip line trenches

Plastic grid installed under grass prevents compaction

Gravel grass

Infiltration steps

Green roofs

Town of York to require low impact development 2007 Ordinance  
Look into what other towns have passed

Conservations Easements

Maintain open green spaces

Consider legacy – what are we going to do?

Get towns to write these into ordinances

Get folks involved where their interests are

4. Norm will be collecting old photos of the lake for the TPPA website donations welcome  
LaMarr suggested an art contest on what people love about their town- incorporate into story telling about water quality

**NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING: Thursday July 26, 2012 6:30 Nute High School**

**Topic: Update on Planning for Hydro-Electric Plant at Milton Dam**

**Speaker: Kelly Sackheim, Principal, Hydro LLC**

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Beckwith  
Secretary, TPPA