



THREE PONDS PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION

TPPA Board Meeting Minutes

Date: 05/16/13 **Time:** 7:00pm **Place:** Turgeon Residence

Present: Steve Baker, Bob Myrick, Norm Turgeon, Wayne Sylvester, Mike DuBois, Linda Dame, Wendy Beckwith, Mike McDonnell

AGENDA

President Steve Baker opened the meeting

1. Board membership
 - a. Board members were invited to indicate whether they could remain on the Board
 - b. Linda Dame asked to step down from her leadership of the Weed Watching Program; she will continue to be an advisor to the program
2. New membership
 - a. Steve will approach some members who may be interested in serving on the Board
3. Maintenance of the Town Beach Rain Gardens
 - a. We will organize a cleanup in the rain garden – primarily weeding; some weeding was done last year
 - b. Friday, May 24th was designated as a clean-up day beginning at 9:00am. Email membership;
 - c. Mike McDonnell will make his truck available to haul debris to the dump
4. Boat inspections
 - a. We did get the grant for Maine boat inspections - \$1500.00; Jeff Everett will continue to be the Maine contact for boat inspections.
 - b. Last year TPPA paid \$350.00 out for 700 inspections; Bob observed that the paperwork got more messy as the summer went on; Steve felt some of the kids were not too interested; perhaps *not* incentivized at 50 cents an inspection
 - c. The decision was made to double the rate/boat to \$1.00
 - d. Karen Brown, Recreation Director is probably already hiring gate keepers; Bob Myrick will provide training; Steve will revise the form requiring owners to initial
 - e. Steve will make arrangements with Karen.
5. Water testing
 - a. Any donations from town for water testing – town gave us \$1000 for last year.

- b. Mike McDonnell suggested it would be helpful for all if we could partner with Nute HS science classes to provide a stream of workers interested in water testing and boat inspections. He had a good experience with a student group that helped with testing a few years ago; students also helped with the work at the beach two years ago
6. General membership meeting
- a. The Annual meeting is to be held in June
 - b. Meetings will be held the 4th Thursday of each month June – September. A short board meeting will be held before each meeting
 - c. Consider a Saturday event to reach weekenders
 - d. Possible topics:
 - i. A shoreline specialist
 - ii. Sustainable boating – Sarah Brown – Green Alliance
 - iii. Look at other lake associations; what about bringing in a group of neighbors from Sunrise
 - iv. Ornithologist from Audubon
 - v. Bass tournament speaker
 - vi. Loon/eagle preservation
 - vii. Lake Smart program for Mainers
 - viii. Board members to pull names together
7. Direct outreach to lake residents
- a. Norm Turgeon will develop a flyer that can be distributed door to door
 - b. If we just hang materials on door or mailbox it can go quickly
 - c. Steve talk with TKO about plastic sleeves
8. Membership renewal notices
- a. Norm to prepare letters
 - b. Bob will organize mailing
 - c. Both the outreach and member renewals need to be out in early June
9. Other news
- a. Several members noticed that the Strafford County Community Action Program cut down the buffer at the park below the dam

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Beckwith
Secretary, TPPA