



## THREE PONDS PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION

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### TPPA Board Meeting Minutes

**Date:** 09/18/12    **Time:** 7:00pm    **Place:** Turgeon Residence

**Present:** Steve Baker, Bob Myrick, Norm Turgeon, Wayne Sylvester, Mike DuBois, Linda Dame

**Absent:** Mike McDonnell, Jeff Everett, Wendy Beckwith, Emery Booska

### AGENDA

President Steve Baker opened the meeting.

1. Soil Erosion Grant Requests
  - a. The Board reviewed grant applications. Two have been submitted. The application from Paul Currier of 26 Hideaway Lane was accepted and he will get a letter to that effect. Norm Turgeon submitted an application but will return \$250.00 as a donation.
  - b. Bob Myrick will call Robbie at NH Lakes about the Youth Conservation program and write an article for the next Newsletter about erosion mitigation. Focus will be on easy and inexpensive improvements
2. Treasury Balance & proposal to increase the “milfoil fund”
  - a. Steve reported a balance of \$15,275.
  - b. We are waiting for reimbursement from Maine for boat inspections at Everett’s Marina
  - c. Should end at \$14,300; up from \$10,000 at end of last year
  - d. \$5,000 of this is in milfoil account; \$9,300 in the operating account.
  - e. Steve proposed transferring all but \$4000 from the operating account to the milfoil account. All present agreed.
- 3) Membership count and discussion
  - a. This year 89 families and 6 businesses; last year 97 families and 7 businesses joined
  - b. Discussion ensued on who joined and who didn’t
  - c. Steve will call three long-time member families whose dues are in arrears.
  - d. Bob will research the NH “Rivers Association”; name to be verified and what they do and if there is any benefit to Milton 3 Ponds
  - e. Wayne talked of a Maine Grant program called **Lake Smart** and after further investigation has discovered that Maine DEP is no longer funding this.
  - f. Norm will draft a *Member Acquisition Letter* to be mailed in the spring of 2013 to current property owners (~600) on the three ponds. The letter will detail the varied goals and many accomplishments of TPPA in an effort to attract new members.

- 4) Report from Grant Committee on potential external funding sources and program requirements
  - a. Report on organizations that have grants
  - b. Decision to table discussion until we define a project appropriate to grant funding.
- 5) Weed watcher program
  - a. Discussion about reporting back. Linda will ask weed watchers to email her with confirmation that they surveyed their areas. A form will be created in 2013 to be e-mailed or mailed to TPPA to provide some record of weed watching dates and discoveries of any issues observed.
  - b. Linda has maps marked up with who is surveying and which areas of shoreline they are watching as well as which areas remain to be covered
  - c. Wendy suggested we contact all member and non-member families to enlist them into watching their shoreline for weeds. The more eyes the better!
- 6) Emergency response plan – what TPPA will do when/if we find milfoil or any other exotic plants in our ponds
  - a. We need a plan to deal with invasion of weeds
  - b. How do we get Maine and New Hampshire to help. Can we get a meeting with both? Perhaps bring in other organizations
  - c. Wendy had previously suggested we send a letter to NH DES and Maine DEP requesting they prepare a jointly approved plan for how to eradicate exotic aquatic plants from water bodies whose shorelines include both NH and Maine.
  - d. Norm agreed to prepare a first draft of such a letter.
  - e. Steve suggested we phone NHDES and MEDEP in advance of sending a letter.
- 7) NH and Maine 2012 boat inspection statistics and cost
  - a. Waiting for totals from Maine & New Hampshire
- 8) Year-end Newsletter
  - a. Norm will publish newsletter and is looking for ideas
  - b. Bob will write erosion control article
  - c. Steve will ask Mike M to write a brief report on water sampling observations and specifically address “why the water became so cloudy in late Summer” a question asked by many residents.
  - d. Steve will report on year-end finances.
  - e. Steve will report on boat inspections at the town beach funded by TPPA
  - f. Steve will ask Jeff to write a summary report on boat inspections in Maine.
- 9) Other business
  - a. Mike D. will look into a going away gift for Dolly in recognition for her service to the organization