

**Saturday Pond Watershed Association
Annual Meeting July 15, 2006**

Attendees: Ellen Attaliades, Jacinthe Sirois, Eric Williams, Bruce LeBlanc, Arthur Jones, Gordon Peaco, Martin Watts, Steve Markarian, Carl Anderson, and Chuck Sickmon.

President Ellen Attaliades opened the meeting at 9:00 AM.

Ellen Attaliades published a newsletter in July. The newsletter was included in the information packets and published on our web site.

Secretary's Report

Eric Williams reviewed the minutes from the July 16, 2005 Annual Meeting. The minutes were accepted.

Treasurer's Report

Jacinthe Sirois reviewed the Treasurer's Report.

Financial activity for calendar year 2005:

	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>EXPENSE</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
	Balance 01 Jan 2005		\$1,644.26
2005 Dues	\$15.00		
2006 Dues	\$315.00		
Interest	\$3.47		
Contribution	\$85.00		
Web Domain-5yrs		\$38.24	
Web Host-1yr		\$37.92	
Print/Post		\$262.20	
COLA Dues		\$40.00	
State Corp		\$35.00	
2005 Subtotals	\$418.47	\$413.36	
	Balance 01 Jan 2006		\$1,649.37

Our State of Maine Nonprofit Corporation filing fee was paid for 2006. The report was accepted.

Dam Keeper's Report

Gordon Peaco reported that the Town of Otisfield has appointed his son, Dan Peaco, as the new Saturday Pond Dam Keeper. Dan has kept the debris clear from the dam. The water level is currently flowing just over the top of the dam. With all the rain this year, the water level has remained high enough to maintain water flow over the top of the dam. The Watershed Association thanks Gordon for his service as the first Keeper of the Dam.

Water Testing

Low Wetzel from Casco recommends Phosphorous tests once per year. Low provides the testing services to us free of charge. We only pay for the analysis fees from the State Laboratory.

Results from August 14, 2005:

Phosphorous:

6 parts per billion in the northwest cove

6 parts per billion in the deepest part (basin).

Secchi reading at deepest part = 6.40 meters

Temperature and Dissolved Oxygen Profiles

DEPTH meters	degC	ppm
0.0	26.4	8.0
1.0	26.4	7.9
2.0	26.3	7.9
3.0	26.0	7.8
4.0	25.5	7.5
5.0	20.6	5.7
6.0	15.7	2.6
7.0	14.1	1.5

Conditions: Air Temp = 75 F, Time = 1040 hrs, Wind = 02, direction = 2

Ruth Wilson performs our Secchi Disk tests to measure the water clarity. The following are her test results so far this year:

May 29, 2006 5.65 and 5.60 meters

June 17, 2006 6.89 and 6.95

June 25, 2006 6.65 and 6.70

Loon Nest

Martin Watts reported that the loon nest is inhabited by turtles that use it for sunning, but no loons. The nest is now in the northeast cove. We agreed to move it to the southwest

cove in the fall and replenish it with a new bale of hay. Martin, Ellen and Steve will take care of getting it moved. Jacinthe is looking for a marker buoy for the nest.

Loon Count

Albert Sirois is our official Loon Counter, appointed by the Maine Audubon. The annual count date was the morning of the meeting – July 15th. Albert reported counting one pair of loons on Saturday Pond.

SPWA Web Site

Eric Williams reported that after our last Annual Meeting he developed a web site for the Association. The address is www.saturdaypond.org. The cost is about \$50 per year. This includes the registration for the domain name, which is paid in multiple year increments.

The web site includes information about the pond, the Watershed Association, water testing results and links to other information to help inform people on how to protect the pond.

We also get e-mail alias addresses using the @saturdaypond.org domain. The convention is to have the username be the person's first initial and their last name. This allows us to send emails to members using these simpler addresses and then they will forward to their regular e-mail address. For example: ewilliams@saturdaypond.org.

The web site has areas that are available for groups in the Saturday Pond watershed, for example: Pond View Estates and the Great Oaks Association.

Watershed Information Packets

Jacinthe Sirois has pulled together the information and assembled the packets. They contain:

- Cover letter and a copy of our 2006 newsletter
- State of Maine 2006 Boating Rules
- Portland Water District "Brown Water, Green Weeds"
- Maine's Invasive Aquatic Plants – April 2006 Infestations listing
- Maine's Clean Your Boat pamphlet – Boat sticker program
- Be Aware of Aquatic Invaders pamphlet
- Protecting Main Lakes – An Overview – from the Maine DEP
- Septic Systems – How They Work pamphlet
- Vegetated Phosphorus Buffer Strips pamphlet
- Invasive Aquatic Plant Identification Quick Key

Ruth Wilson, Martin Watts and Eric Williams distributed the packets to the shore front homes and homes in Pond View Estates.

Elections

Each year we elect 3 Trustees for a 2-year term. The membership elected Carl Anderson, Ruth Wilson and Eric Williams as Trustees expiring in 2008.

The new Board of Trustees is:

Ellen Attaliades – President – expires 2007
Carl Anderson – Vice President – expires 2008
Eric Williams – Vice President – expires 2008
Gordon Peaco – Corresponding Secretary – expires 2007
Ruth Wilson – Recording Secretary – expires 2008
Jacinthe Sirois – Treasurer – expires 2007

Bruce LeBlanc also serves as our Clerk for the State Corporation filings.
Ellen Attaliades is our newsletter publisher.
Abby Marble manages the mailing lists.
Eric Williams serves as webmaster and archivist.

Report on Proposed Camp

The applicant has withdrawn his plans to build a children's camp on the northwest corner of the pond and the land is now for sale.

Sam's Landing

During December 2005, a private developer began construction of a boat ramp at the town owned Sam's Landing. The site was previously a rough access, suitable only for carry-in boats and swimming.

Concern was raised about the process of the permission and permitting for the construction at the site. Also, abutters were not contacted prior to the work and may have incurred damage to their properties.

On February 27, 2006, the Watershed Association sent a formal letter to the town, requesting information from the town on the situation. The town formed an ad-hoc committee, chaired by the Planning Board Chair, Rick Micklon. Bruce LeBlanc and Albert Sirois from Saturday Pond also served on the committee. Rick Micklon came to the SPWA April Trustees' meeting to give an update on Sam's Landing.

Based on the committee's recommendations, the Otisfield Selectmen voted to restrict Sam's Landing to a swimming and picnic area. Only hand-carried boats can be

launched. Access is restricted to Otisfield residents and taxpayers. Repairs were started to replace the rip-rap stones installed by the developer with bark mulch.

During July, the Selectmen released plans that include:

- 20' wide X 50' long bark mulch ramp to the water to allow launching of hand carried boats.
- 4' X 16' floating dock placed parallel to the shore to assist in boat launching.
- Picnic area with picnic tables.
- Small car parking area, 50' from the water with large stones preventing closer access.

Thank you to all the people in the Watershed that helped during this event for their diligence in protecting the pond!

Other Business

Gordon reported that the spring 2006 ice-out was on March 30th.

Bruce LeBlanc reminded the group that the boat ramp at Pond View is a private ramp.

There will be a conference on the "Lake Smart Program" held at the Seeds of Peace Camp next Saturday, July 22, at 9 AM.

There is a concern about the increased presence of large boats on the pond. Gordon asked if we should pursue a horsepower restriction for the pond.

The next Annual Meeting will be 9 AM, Saturday July 14, 2007.

A Trustees meeting will be held on August 19, 2006, 9 AM at 22 Jaakkola Lane..

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eric Williams