



# The Saturday Pond Review

~ Saturday Pond Watershed Association Newsletter – July 2006 ~

Greetings from the Saturday Pond Watershed Association!

The Saturday Pond Watershed Association is composed of a group of committed residents dedicated to preserving the beauty and tranquility of Saturday Pond. The purpose of our association is:

- 1) To perform all acts appropriate to a non-profit scientific, literary and educational corporation dedicated to the promotion and development of environmental quality standards; and,
- 2) To preserve, enhance and protect the advantages of Saturday Pond and its environs.

We are interested in increasing our membership to  
preserve our sanctuary at Saturday Pond.

**Please join us at the 2006 Annual Meeting**  
which is scheduled for:

***Saturday, July 15<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 AM @ the Pond View Estates***  
***(at the water's edge)***

## **Preliminary Agenda:**

- 1) **Introductions**
- 2) **Review of Minutes of the July 16, 2005 Annual Saturday Pond Watershed Association Meeting** *(Please refer to next page)*
- 3) **Treasurer's Report**
- 4) **Board of Trustees April 22, 2006 Meeting Report**
- 5) **Other Reports**
  - A. **Dam Keeper**
  - B. **Water Testing**
  - C. **Wildlife Report**
  - D. **Web Site Report**
- 6) **Elections**
- 7) **Camp Development Status**
- 8) **Sam's Landing Update**
- 9) **Other Business**



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Annual Meeting Minutes – July 16, 2005

Attendees: Jim Ryan, Ellen Attaliades, Jacinthe Sirois, Eric Williams, Bruce LeBlanc, Arthur Jones, Gordon Peaco, Martin Watts, Steve Markarian, John and Evelyn Nicosia, and Carl Anderson

President Jim Ryan opened the meeting at 9:00 AM.

Ellen Attaliades sent out a newsletter in early July. Thanks!!!

### Secretary's Report

Eric reviewed the minutes from the August 7, 2004 Annual Meeting. They were also included in the newsletter. The minutes were accepted.

### Treasurer's Report

Jacinthe Sirois reviewed the Treasurer's Report.

Finance activity for calendar year 2004:

	<b>INCOME</b>	<b>EXPENSE</b>	<b>BALANCE</b>
<b>01 Jan 2004</b>			<b>\$1,567.44</b>
<b>2004 Dues</b>	\$60.00		
<b>2005 Dues</b>	\$315.00		
<b>Interest</b>	\$2.53		
<b>Contribution</b>	\$270.00		
<b>Water Test Svcs</b>		\$48.00	
<b>Test Equipment</b>		\$133.01	
<b>Print/Post</b>		\$303.70	
<b>COLA Dues 04 + 05</b>		\$66.00	
<b>2004 State Corp</b>		\$20.00	
<b>2004 Subtotals</b>	<b>\$647.53</b>	<b>\$570.71</b>	
	<b>Balance 01 Jan 2005</b>		<b>\$1,644.26</b>

Our State of Maine Nonprofit Corporation filing fee was paid for 2005. The report was accepted.

## Board of Trustees Report

Ellen reported on the Board of Trustees meeting held on September 18, 2004. In attendance were Ellen Attaliades, Jacinthe Sirois, Martin Watts, Gordon Peaco, and Jim Ryan.

The board set goals in 4 major areas.

1. Pond Water and Dam Conditions
  - a. Monitor Water Level – Gordon Peaco
  - b. Monitor Plant Life – Pixie Williams
  - c. Monitor Water Quality
    - i. Conduct regular testing – Ruth Wilson
    - ii. Ensure the Association has State-certified testers – Al Sirois
    - iii. Monitor environmental compliance – Board members
2. Pond Wildlife
  - a. Annual official loon count – Al Sirois
  - b. Obtain marker buoy for loon nest – Ellen Attaliades
  - c. Oversee construction of loon nest – Martin Watts
3. Watershed Communications
  - a. Ensure newsletter sent on annual basis – Ellen Attaliades
  - b. Maintain mailing lists – Abby Marble
  - c. Purchase and distribute aquatic plant books – Jacinthe Sirois
  - d. Develop Saturday Pond membership materials - Ellen Attaliades
  - e. Development of web site – Eric Williams
4. Association Resources
  - a. Coordinate services of TLEA Youth Conservation Corps – Eric Williams
  - b. Investigate services of Oxford County Soil and Conservation - Ellen Attaliades

## Dam Keeper's Report

Gordon Peaco, the Town of Otisfield appointed Saturday Pond Dam Keeper, reported on the status of the outlet dam.

Some debris was removed from the dam this spring. Water is now flowing over the dam with the level 1 inch above the dam. The 2005 ice-out was April 17, 2005. John Nicosia asked about lowering the level in the fall. This was previously discussed and it was decided not to do any seasonal changes to the pond level.

Gordon reported that the spring 2004 ice-out was on April 19<sup>th</sup>.

## Wildlife Report

Martin Watts constructed the loon nest and deployed it in the northeast cove. We have loons on the pond this year but they did not use the nest.

Martin Watts reported seeing a fisher in his yard. There were several reports of sighting a large bull moose and a smaller moose around the pond. There seem to be more skunks and raccoons than in the past.

## Water Testing

Ruth Wilson is now our water tester registered with the VLMP (Maine Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program). She has been taking the Secchi disk readings this year.

Pixie Williams and Ruth Wilson did a plant survey on June 5, 2005. Ruth supplied an article on Gleotrichia. (The results of the survey are posted on the web site).

At our last meeting the Association agreed to have phosphorous tests done on the pond. Jacinthe Sirois contacted Lou Wetzel in Casco who volunteers his time and takes the samples to a State lab for analysis. We only pay for the lab fees. Lou conducted tests in September 2004. The results were:

Northwest cove – 5 parts per billion (ppb)

Deepest part (basin) – 6 parts per billion (ppb)

This was an improvement from the previous tests and close to the acceptable limit of 5 ppb.

Jim asked if we should do more tests. Jacinthe will contact Lou.

(note: Lou Wetzel conducted more tests during the summer)

## Elections

Each year we elect 3 Trustees for a 2-year term. The membership elected Gordon Peaco, Ellen Attaliades and Jacinthe Sirois as Trustees expiring in 2007.

The new Board of Trustees is –

Ellen Attaliades – President – expires 2007

Martin Watts – Vice President – expires 2006

Bruce LeBlanc – Vice President – expires 2006

Gordon Peaco – Corresponding Secretary – expires 2007

Ruth Wilson – Recording Secretary – expires 2006

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 Assistant Treasurer and archivist.

## Proposed Camp Discussion

The application for the proposed camp is still with the Otisfield Planning Board. A site walk was held last fall and many Watershed Association members attended. The application with the town is now complete and a new public hearing and site walk will be scheduled.

## Other Business

Bruce reminded the group the Pond View boat ramp is a private ramp and not for public use. There is a proposal by a private developer to improve the town owned ramp. If this happens we will need to improve awareness of the danger of hitchhiking plants (milfoil) and possibly a boat inspection program.

A boat parade was held on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

After the meeting Eric Williams started a web site for the Association. The first phase of this project is to capture data on the pond such as the results of our water testing programs and links to information on how to protect the quality of the pond. The web site is at - [www.saturdaypond.org](http://www.saturdaypond.org) . Comments can be sent to Eric at [webmaster@saturdaypond.org](mailto:webmaster@saturdaypond.org) .

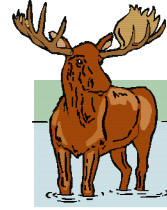
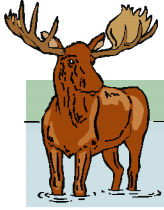
At the last meeting we agreed to purchase aquatic plant books for the members. Pixie Williams recommended that we should wait since there is a new edition coming out.

The next Annual Meeting will be 9 AM, Saturday July 15, 2006.

A Trustees meeting will be held in September.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Eric Williams



**Application for Membership / Renewal - 2007**  
**Saturday Pond Watershed Association**

Please tear off this page and send to:

**If you are already a member –  
Thank you for your support!**

**Saturday Pond Watershed Association  
c/o J. Sirois, Treasurer  
290 Rayville Road  
Otisfield, ME 04270**

\_\_\_\_\_ I (We) would like to join the Saturday Pond Watershed Association for the membership year 2007.

Please include dues payment of **\$15**. payable to:  
**Saturday Pond Watershed Association**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**I am interested in helping with the following:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Water Testing Program                      \_\_\_\_\_ Board of Trustees

\_\_\_\_\_ Other

**Suggestions or Comments:**