

# Saturday Pond Watershed Association

## Board of Trustees Meeting - September 22, 2018

**Attendees:** Ellen Attaliades, Bill Bramswig, Judi Cochran, Karen Dryzka, Lourdes Engel, Tom Engel, Jerry Haber, Susan Haber, Robin Nureck, Amy O'Shea, Will Young, Julie Ywoskus

- **Review of Minutes from July 14, 2018 Annual Meeting / Follow Up Needs:** The minutes of the July 14, 2018 Annual Meeting were presented & approved as amended.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Amy O'Shea presented the Treasurer's Report, which was approved. Currently, we have \$1591.84. Sales of posters, tshirts, & bags brought in \$680. Balance is a little different this year...maybe because some people pay extra or pay dues for multiple years. We have one new SPWA member. The SPWA mailing list was updated.
- **Watershed Updates:**
  - **Wildlife:** The following animals have been seen around the watershed during the last year: Bear, rabbit, raccoon, great blue heron (with a nest near the retention pond), bald eagle, duck, beaver, turtle, loon
  - **Dam:** Danny Peaco's Saturday Pond dam report from July 2018 (presented at July meeting) was distributed.
  - **Ice Out:**
- **Watershed Association Goal Development / Plans for FY 2019:**
  - **Organizational Needs / Officer Election:** Officers were announced and accepted
    - President - Susan Haber
    - Vice President - Steve Markarian, Robin Nureck
    - Recording Secretary - Julie Ywoskus
    - Corresponding Secretary - Susan LaFleur
    - Newsletter - Robin Nureck, Bill Bramswig
  - **Water Conditions**
    - **Water Testing - Clarity & Phosphorous:** Steve Markarian reported on water testing at July annual meeting; 5 samples collected each season; water testing was good overall
    - **Status of Lake Survey for 2018:** It is recommended that as many people as possible learn how to survey Saturday Pond for native & invasive plants to protect our pond; Susan LaFleur, Amy O'Shea, Ellen Attaliades, Susan & Jerry Haber are certified to survey; Robin Nureck, Bill Bramswig, & Julie Ywoskus have done an instructional paddle; we have not found any invasive plants in the pond at this point, however we have sent questionable plants into the state for examination; plant survey information should be forwarded to Susan LaFleur by November 15; as stewards of the lake we can educate other people on the lake

- Instruction about protecting lake will be discussed in the newsletter-along with information on plants found during the last paddle. Bill Bramswig will photograph plants found during last paddle
  - Invite people to join us on paddle - publicize date & time; beginning & end of summer;
  - Possibility of a SPWA float at the Otisfield Fourth of July parade
- **Lake Surveyor Project / Training:** Lake Stewards of Maine website (originally VLMP) lists free trainings on how to do a lake plant survey; can repeat trainings as often as you would like; provide many resources; need to get certified every 2 years
- **Watershed Association Communication:**
  - **Outreach:** Robin & Julie placed letter on invasive plant education on people's docks in late August; will place revised letter on docks again in spring with newsletter and invitation to spring paddle
  - **Newsletter**
    - **Distribution:** Attendees discussed whether there should be one or two newsletters a year; normally mailed second to last week in June; better to get out mid May?; schedule spring meeting in early April
    - **Layout:** Bill discussed proposed newsletter layout; to save space & paper; short stories & photos; send proposed articles to Bill during winter
    - **Donation Form:** Need donation form to be more specific to specify "dues" vs. "donation"; take off gift donation as never used; specify "mailing address";
  - **PondView Boat Launch:** Pondview is considering a schedule specifying available launch dates & hours on weekends in May & June; would like volunteer lake owners to be available to examine boats for invasive plants as they are launched; people can schedule other boat launches with 24-hour notice; once firm policy for launching is established, a letter will be sent to boat owners around the pond.
- **Spring 2019 Planning Meeting:**
  - **Date: April 13, 2019**
  - **Time: 10am?**
  - **Location: 35 Saturday Pond Road – Haber's house**

By: Julie Ywoskus