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## Announcement

What: **Saturday Pond Watershed Association Annual Meeting**, Saturday, July 12, 2014

Where: Beach at Pond View Estates Subdivision

Time: 10:00 AM

Topic: Should the water level in Saturday Pond be lowered in the fall?

We are asking watershed residents to attend the Annual Meeting to discuss whether water levels in the Pond should be lowered in the fall in order to accommodate surface runoff from snow melt in the spring.

On October 26, 2013, Dr. Dan Buckley from the University of Maine at Farmington, gave a presentation entitled: "Lake Water Quality, Concerns and Dam Issues" to the Saturday Pond Watershed Association Board of Trustees. Dr. Buckley is an ecologist whose research is centered on freshwater ecosystems. His current research focuses on long term temperature monitoring of 25 lakes in Maine and the effect of changing temperatures on lake water quality. Dr. Buckley has studied Saturday Pond, including its size, depth and water quality. One of the key points of his presentation is the fact that lowering the pond by one foot in the fall would help to accommodate rainfall and snowmelt and thereby prevent excessive shoreline erosion and decrease aquatic vegetation by exposing more of the plants during harsher conditions.

The Trustees discussed the feasibility of removing two boards in the dam located off Saturday Pond Road in the fall and replacing the boards after ice out in the spring. The Trustees contacted Dan Peaco, Town Dam Keeper, to inform him of its interest, and a letter was sent to the Otisfield Board of Selectmen.

We anticipate a good discussion of this issue among watershed residents at the Annual Meeting.

Please send in your membership dues for the 2014-2015 calendar year, if you haven't already done so and please remember to register your boat for 2014!

We look forward to seeing everyone on the Pond this summer!