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SPWA History from our web page

Minutes of the first Steering Committee meeting held on January 31, 1993

Minutes of the second Steering Committee meeting held on April 18, 1993

July 1993 Letter to public announcing 1st annual meeting (Newsletter no.1)

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August 2013 - The Watershed Association dedicated an engraved granite bench at Sam's Landing to Pixie Williams in appreciation of her service and dedication to Saturday Pond and the area lakes.

April 2008 - Eleven volunteers from the watershed worked with the Maine DEP to conduct a Watershed Survey of the Saturday Pond Watershed area.

June 2006 - The Otisfield Selectmen voted to restrict the Sam's Landing to a swimming and picnic area. Only hand-carried boats can be launched. Access is restricted to only Otisfield Residents and Taxpayers.

October 1999 - The town approved an additional \$10,000 to improve the rip-rap area next to the new dam. This work was done in November.

March 1999 - The request for a ban of Personal Watercraft on Saturday Pond was approved at the Otisfield Town Meeting. This was approved later in the year by the Maine State Legislature. A similar ban was approved for Moose Pond. Moose Pond also now has a 5 hp motor limit.

July 1998 - Watershed Association proposed applying for a ban of Personal Watercraft on Saturday Pond. A petition to put this on the town warrant is circulated during the fall of 1998. A public hearing on the proposed ban was held by the town on February 18, 1999.

March 1997 - The rebuilding of the dam is completed. Gordon Peaco is the town appointed Keeper of the Dam.

March 1994 - Town of Otisfield appropriated \$18,000 for the rebuilding of the outlet dam.

July 25, 1993 - First annual meeting held. The Saturday Pond Watershed Association officially established.

- By-Laws adopted.
- Application for a Nonprofit Corporation filed with the State of Maine.
- Water testing program established.
- The following Tuesday, the Association members presented the need to repair the outlet dam to the Otisfield Selectmen.

January 31, 1993 - First steering committee meeting held to establish the Saturday Pond Watershed Association. Steering Committee members were Bruce LeBlanc (President), Steve Sneddon (Vice President), Harvey Hayden (Treasurer), and Eric Williams (Secretary).

August 1990 - The outlet dam was deeded to the Town of Otisfield. Property owners on the pond assisted the town in making temporary repairs to the dam. Additional repairs done in August 1993 with a work party of Watershed members and Otisfield Fire Department members led by Garry Dyer.

1987 - Great Oaks established on the northeast side of the pond.

July 1985 - Pond View Estates established on the west side of the pond with 19 lots on the shore and total of 45 lots.

Source - <http://www.saturdaypond.org/history.htm>

Saturday Pond Watershed Association

Otisfield, Maine

Minutes of the first Steering Committee meeting held on January 31, 1993 at lot 17, Pond View Estates, Otisfield, Maine.

Otisfield Fire Chief Garry Dyer has strongly recommended that a lake association be formed to oversee the quality of the water and the level of the water at Saturday Pond. To help expedite the formation of this association, a Steering Committee was formed, sponsored by the Pond View Estates Lot Owners Association. The members of the Steering Committee are;

Steve Sneddon, Harvey Hayden, Bruce LeBlanc, and Eric Williams.

Present at the January 31, 1993 meeting were: Harvey Hayden, Bruce LeBlanc, and Eric Williams.

1 - Lake Association Guide Book

Steve Sneddon had obtained a Guide Book from Fred Peterson of the Thompson Lake Environmental Association. The book is published by COLA – Congress of Lake Associations - and it explains how to form and operate a lake association. We are using this as a basis for the formation of the association for Saturday Pond.

Harvey Hayden called Joan C. Irish (Yarmouth, Maine) who is a contact for COLA. Harvey ordered 3 more copies of the book, at \$2 each, so that each member of the Steering Committee will have a copy. Harvey also joined COLA, \$15 per year, so that we can receive the COLA newsletters and other publications. Pond View Estates Lot Owners Association will reimburse these initial startup costs.

An additional group we may want to join is NALMS - North American Lake Management Society, 1 Progress Blvd, Box 27, Alachua, FL 32615.

2 - Scope of the Association

The purpose of the Association is to help ensure that the quality and level of the water in Saturday Pond is maintained.

At a previous Pond View Estates Lot Owners Association meeting it was agreed that the Association should be a watershed association with membership from all land owners within the watershed. The quality of the water in Saturday Pond is directly affected by the usage of all properties within the watershed of Saturday Pond.

It is important for the Association to have active participation from all parties within the watershed. The Pond View activity is intended to get things started.

The association does not intend to own properties such as the Saturday Pond dam. The Association may own water quality testing equipment.

Operating costs for the Association should be minimized. Expenses will include: dues to other associations, literature costs to obtain information, legal and incorporation fees, mailings to members, and water testing costs. An annual dues structure will need to be established.

3 - Steering Committee Officers

The following officers of the Steering Committee were assigned:

President - Bruce LeBlanc

Vice Pres - Steve Sneddon

Treasurer - Harvey Hayden

Secretary - Eric Williams

These four people will do the work to get the Association started.

Harvey Hayden will draft a set of by-laws based on the samples in the COLA book. These will be presented at the next meeting in April.

The Maine State non-profit incorporation papers will be filed under Bruce LeBlanc's name as he is an Otisfield resident. Eric Williams will write to the State of Maine to obtain the applications.

The intention is to have the Association managed by a 7 member board of governors or board of directors. This board should be diversified so that it represents the Great Oaks Association, the Pond View Estates Lot Owners Association, independent lake front land owners, and land owners in the watershed area.

4 - General Discussion

The name "Saturday Pond Watershed Association" was chosen.

The Association can use the Pond View Estates Lot Owners Association's RFD mail box to get started.
RFD 1 Box 3903 (Otisfield), Oxford, ME 04270

The COLA guide book contains information about a program for water testing.

Training is available in Augusta so that we can do our own testing.

A simple newsletter can be created to communicate watershed information. This could include results of the water sampling activity.

5 - Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Steering Committee will be Sunday, April 18, 1993, at 1 PM, Lot 22 (Williams) Pond View Estates.

Joan Irish has graciously offered to come to this meeting to help us continue to establish the Association.

6 - Action Items

Harvey Hayden

- Talk to Steve Sneddon about his conversations with Fred Peterson. Possibly invite Fred to the April meeting.

- Check with Steve Sneddon on the status of forming a mailing list of people in the watershed.

- Determine who has the Saturday Pond Dam deed. Possibly the town of Otisfield.

- Draft the by-laws for review at the April meeting.

- Tell Joan Irish about the April 18th meeting.

Bruce LeBlanc

- Check with the town to see if they have a map showing the bounds of the Saturday Pond watershed.

Eric Williams

- Write these minutes

- Get incorporation information from Augusta

Respectfully Submitted

Eric Williams

Watershed Association Steering Committee - 18 April 93

Bruce LeBlanc

Joan Irish

Joan and Scott Lennox

Steve Sneddon

Ann and Eric Williams

1- Bylaw changes:

Article IV - OFFICERS

Change to 6 officers (note - Pres not voting except when needed to break a tie)

Each serves for 2 years. First year elect 6, with 3 for 1 year terms and 3 for 2 year terms.

Article VIII - QUORUM

Change to -

Fifteen (15) members whose dues and assessments have been paid, or 50% of the membership whose dues and assessments have been paid, (which ever is smaller), shall constitute a quorum.

Three (3) Trustees shall constitute a quorum for board meetings.

Article XIII - DISSOLUTION

delete - "or as a donation to the town of Otisfield"

The State incorporation laws require is to be a similar entity. The town is not incorporated in the same way as the Association.

2 - Annual Meeting:

Planned for Sunday 25 July 1993 - Noon to 2PM. AT common area 1, Bring your own picnic and meeting.

- Intro, why we are here
- Adopt by-laws
- elect trustees
- recommend dues - \$15 /yr

3 - Information from Joan Irish:

Had copies of Lake book and newsletters

State lake restoration funding completely cut so no federal matching funds.

Volunteer water monitoring program cut.

Water testing done every 2 weeks. Primarily for clarity - simple test.

Educate people on phosphorous overload and algae blooms.

COLA annual meeting on 31 July 1993 at Northern Pines Conference Center in Raymond. We can attend.

We should provide COLA with our Association name and 1 name contact info.

Don't get in the business of controlling the water level.

Educate people on the history of the lake, dam.

Educate on Milfoil - clean boats before entering lake.

Slide show from COLA.

Saturday Pond Watershed Association
RFD1 Box 3903 (Otisfield), Oxford, ME 04270

July 1993

Welcome!

This is the first newsletter of the Saturday Pond Watershed Association. We want to introduce you to the newly forming Association, and actively encourage your participation. This Association is for all land owners within the watershed of Saturday Pond.

The purpose of the Saturday Pond Watershed Association is to preserve, enhance and protect the advantages of Saturday Pond and its environs. We have a beautiful, clean lake with excellent water quality, and that needs to be actively protected. Without the participation of all property owners within the watershed, it is all too likely that our lake can be permanently harmed by any number of causes. Problems such as algal blooms, bacterial pollution, water chemistry imbalances, and oxygen deficiencies that have ruined many lakes in Maine can be prevented. It is vastly more cost effective to prevent these problems than to try to remedy them after they have occurred. The Association intends to begin and maintain a water quality testing program to monitor the water quality of Saturday Pond. The Association will also work to influence the Town of Otisfield to ensure that the dam at Saturday Pond is maintained in accordance with the requirements of the DEP. The Saturday Pond Watershed Association will be incorporated as a non-profit corporation dedicated to the promotion and development of environmental quality standards.

Membership in the Saturday Pond Watershed Association shall be open to all persons owning property within the watershed of Saturday Pond, Otisfield, Maine. No more than one member per deeded parcel of land may be a voting member, but any person interested in the Association may receive newsletters and correspondence for a fee set to cover the costs of such.

A Steering Committee, sponsored by the Pondview Estates Lot Owners Association, has been formed to expedite the formation of this Association. The members of the Steering Committee are: Bruce LeBlanc, President; Steve Sneddon, Vice President; Harvey Hayden, Treasurer; and Eric Williams, Secretary. This group has been in contact with the Congress of Lake Associations (COLA) in Maine, to learn more about forming a lake association. The Saturday Pond Watershed Association plans to join COLA, as they are an excellent resource providing information to help us with our cause.

OVER ->

The Board of Directors for the Saturday Pond Watershed Association should be diversified so that it represents not only the Pondview Estates Lot Owners Association, but also the Great Oaks Association, independent lake front land owners, and land owners in the watershed area. The governing board of the Association shall be six trustees. From their number they will elect a President, two Vice Presidents, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary and a Treasurer. Elections will be conducted at an Annual Meeting held each summer.

The first Annual Meeting will be held Sunday, July 25, 1993, at 11:30 a.m., at the beach at Pondview Estates. At this meeting, we will ratify our bylaws, elect officers, and determine the annual dues for the Association. The suggested dues is \$15 per year. This will be a chance for everyone to bring their ideas and suggestions for how this new Association can help preserve the quality of Saturday Pond. After the meeting, at about 1:00 p.m., we will have a "bring your own" cookout - a barbecue will be available for cooking.

To get to the meeting, take Bell Hill Road to Pondview Estates. Follow the signs to the beach area. Please bring your own lawn chairs.

Please help us in the formation of this Association by responding:

Name:

Address:

___ I plan to attend the Annual Meeting on July 25.

___ I cannot attend the Annual Meeting, but I am interested in joining the Association.

___ I am not sure at this time, please send me more information as it becomes available.

___ I am not interested; please drop me from your mailing list.

___ I do not (or no longer) own property in the watershed; the new owner is (please supply name and address if known):

___ Please correct my address to the following:

If you know of any of your neighbors who did not receive this mailing, please pass on the information and please let us know!

Please return to:

Saturday Pond Watershed Association

RFD 1, Box 3903 (Otisfield)

Oxford, ME 04270

Suggestions:

Saturday Pond Watershed Association

Newsletter

No. 2 November 1993

The Saturday Pond Watershed Association has been officially formed at our first Annual Meeting on July 25, 1993. To date, we have 18 members. This newsletter gives those who could not attend the meeting a chance to join the association. Membership for this first year runs from July 1993 through December 1994; following years will run from January through December. Dues are \$15 per year per parcel of land. The dues will help support programs to preserve the quality of Saturday Pond, and will ensure that you receive future communications from the Association.

The six trustees for the Saturday Pond Watershed Association elected at the July 1993 annual meeting are:

President: Bruce LeBlanc

Vice President: Gordon Peaco

Vice President: Steve Sneddon

Treasurer: Roland Bouchard

Recording Secretary: Eric Williams

Corresponding Secretary: Harvey Hayden.

Our Association has joined COLA, the Congress of Lake Associations for the state of Maine. This gives us access to a wealth of information that will help us in our efforts to preserve Saturday Pond. We have also incorporated our Association with the State of Maine as a non-profit corporation.

Progress has been made by the Association to initiate the much-needed repairs to the dam at the outlet of Saturday Pond. We have formed two committees; one to oversee the dam projects and another to monitor the quality of the water in the pond. Your help is needed with these activities; please see the signup sheet attached to this newsletter.

Our next Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, July 24, 1994, 11:30 AM, at Pondview Estates.

**Minutes of the first annual meeting of the
Saturday Pond Watershed Association
July 25, 1993**

The meeting was started at 11:40 AM at Pond View Estates beach 1 by Steering Committee President Bruce LeBlanc.

Attendees:

Mario Giacalone (and Michael, Sarah, and Gail) representing the Duquette properties.

Bill and Shirley Markarian representing Stephen and Geraldine Markarian

Bob and Linda Cali

Steve Sneddon

Joan and Scott Lennox

Art and Theresa Largenton

Eric and Ann Williams

Bruce and Janet LeBlanc

Gordon Peaco

Linley Peaco

Roland and Lucille Bouchard

Harvey Hayden

These attendees represented Pond View Estates, the Great Oaks development, and independent lots in a combination of waterfront property and back lots in the watershed.

1. Introduction

Bruce LeBlanc gave an introduction describing how the watershed association was started by a steering committee last January. The formation of the association was modeled after the guidelines given in a book from the Congress of Lake Associations (COLA). The Pond View Lot Owners Association sponsored the startup of the watershed association.

Bruce LeBlanc, Harvey Hayden, Steve Sneddon, and Eric Williams served on the steering committee. Fire chief Garry Dyer has been our liaison with the town. Joan Irish of COLA attended one of the steering committee meetings and helped us get started.

One of the purposes of forming the association was to work with the town to ensure that the Rayville dam was maintained. The town took over the deed to the dam in 1990. A work party of watershed residents, led by Garry Dyer, made temporary repairs to the dam in August 1990. At the March 1993 town meeting, a vote was to be taken to allocate \$6500 towards the repair of the dam. This item was omitted from the warrant.

Bruce LeBlanc and Eric Williams will be attending the selectmen meeting of July 27, 1993 to request that the repair money be voted on at the next special town meeting. (See related article on the results of the meeting with the selectmen.)

The other principle purpose of the association is to protect the quality of the water in Saturday Pond. A water testing program will need to be set up.

2. Formal Formation of the Association

All present at the meeting agreed to participate in the formation of the association.

BYLAWS

Harvey Hayden worked with the steering committee to draft the Bylaws for the association based on a format from COLA. These bylaws were presented to the group. (a copy is included in the newsletter)

MOTION:

Harvey Hayden made a motion to accept the Bylaws as written.

*Passed Unanimously

ELECTION OF TRUSTEES

The requirement of this first election is to elect 3 people for 1 year terms and 3 people for 2 year terms. (in following years will just need 3 people for 2 year terms)

The following were nominated and elected unanimously as trustees for the association:

1 year - Roland Bouchard, Steve Sneddon, Harvey Hayden

2 years - Bruce LeBlanc, Gordon Peaco, Eric Williams

The trustees agreed to have their phone numbers published.

FISCAL YEAR

MOTION:

Joan Lennox made a motion to set the fiscal year and the membership year to be January 1 through December 31.

*Passed Unanimously

ANNUAL DUES

MOTION:

Theresa Largenton made a motion to set the annual association dues at \$15. The membership year 1994 would also include the remainder of 1993. Thus those joining in 1993 would be paid members through December 1994.

*Passed Unanimously

MOTION:

Roland Bouchard made a motion to set the rate for those outside the watershed wanting just correspondence at \$7 per year.

*Passed Unanimously

COLA AFFILIATION

MOTION:

Janet LeBlanc made a motion to join the Congress of Lake Associations-COLA in Maine. This would be at a cost of \$1 per member, per year including correspondence only members.

*Passed Unanimously

3. Officers

The six trustees then met and elected officers to serve until the next election in July 1994. They are:

President - Bruce LeBlanc
Vice Pres - Gordon Peaco
Vice Pres - Steve Sneddon
Treasurer - Roland Bouchard
Recording Secretary - Eric Williams
Corresp.Secretary - Harvey Hayden

4. Other Business

Please send us the names of others that may be interested in joining but did not hear of this meeting. 90 invitations were sent out. About 10 came back with bad addresses. About 10 others expressed an interest in joining but could not attend this meeting.

We currently have 18 paid members (at one membership per deeded lot).

Non-profit incorporation papers were filed with the State of Maine by Eric Williams. The filing fee was \$20.

Eric also submitted an application for our association to join COLA. The COLA membership year runs from August 1 to July 31. The application fee was \$18 (\$1 per member). We will receive a few copies of the COLA newsletter. One Copy each will be sent to Bruce LeBlanc, Eric Williams, Gordon Peaco, Roland Bouchard, and Harvey Hayden. Please contact any of us if you would like to borrow a copy.

The association will share Pond View Estates' RFD mailbox since neither group will have a large amount of mail and the Pond View box is already checked regularly. The address is

Saturday Pond Watershed Association
RR1 Box 3903 (Otisfield)
Oxford, ME 04270

July 25, 1993 Annual meeting - continued

A work party is scheduled for Saturday August 21 1993 at 10 AM at the Dam (Saturday Pond outlet at Rayville) to help Fire Chief Garry Dyer with temporary repairs to the dam.

A trustees meeting will follow the work party at 4 PM at Pond View Estates beach 1. In the event of rain, the trustee meeting will be moved to the home of Eric and Ann Williams - Pond View lot 22.

The meeting was adjourned at 1 PM. A cookout at the Pond View beach followed the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Williams, Recording Secretary

*** The next annual meeting will be held on Sunday, July 24, 1994 ***

Saturday Pond Dam

On July 27, 1993, Saturday Pond Watershed Association trustees Eric Williams and Bruce LeBlanc made a presentation to the selectmen of the town of Otisfield requesting that the town take action to repair the failing Saturday Pond dam. Roland and Lucille Bouchard and Gordon Peaco also attended to support our position. A reporter from the Advertiser-Democrat who was present at the meeting wrote the following article, which we are reprinting by permission of the Advertiser-Democrat.

2 ADVERTISER DEMOCRAT, July 29, 1993

Dam clogs Otisfield meeting

by Melissa Adams

OTISFIELD — In 1990, when the Town of Otisfield was decided the Rayville dam at the outlet of Saturday Pond, they promised to install a water gauge within 45 days, make necessary repairs and monitor the water level daily.

As of Tuesday — over 1,200 days later — the town had done none of these things and a newly-formed association of Saturday Pond residents is asking for action.

Members of the four-day-old Saturday Pond Watershed Association attended the selectmen's meeting, requesting the town pay for dam repairs. The association wants the topic put on the ballot for the next special town meeting.

According to association spokesman Eric Williams, when the dam last needed temporary

repair in August 1990, the watershed residents provided the equipment, time and effort.

"The water was all going out and it was in such disrepair it was filled with trash," Williams said. "We hauled away several truckloads of rubbish and put in four yards worth of sandbags."

Now, Williams said, the temporary repairs made in August 1990 are eroding and further repairs need to be done.

Association President Bruce LeBlanc emphasized the group doesn't have an ax to grind, they just want the dam to work.

"We want to work with the town to get it done," he said.

The selectmen decided to get a repair estimate on the dam soon and will discuss the matter further when they have the estimate.

In the week following the meeting, selectman Tom Nurmi and Bruce LeBlanc met with Bancroft Contracting Corporation to obtain a bid on the rebuilding of the dam. In early November, the selectmen asked Bruce LeBlanc back to discuss a plan for the rebuilding of the dam. Bancroft has proposed to rebuild the dam and modify the existing spillway at a cost of approximately \$18,000. This system will allow the level of Saturday Pond to be controlled and is expected to last for 25 years. The town will present this plan to the voters at the March 1994 Town Meeting. The Saturday Pond Watershed Association will need to form another work party in late summer 1994 to sandbag around the dam in preparation for the repair work. If approved, the actual repair work would be scheduled for fall 1994.

Work Party/Trustees Meeting

On August 21, 1993, the Saturday Pond Watershed Association held a work party to provide temporary repairs to the Saturday Pond dam. Additional sandbags were placed at the dam to replace those which had deteriorated, and to increase the height of the dam to restore the water level of the lake. The following people attended: Steve Sneddon, Harvey and Sarah Hayden, Bob and Linda Cali, Art, Theresa, Mary and Kristen Largent, Scott Lennox, Dean and Marcia Limitone, Bruce LeBlanc, Eric Williams, Roland Bouchard, Bill Bourgoin, Bill Freeman, Mercedes Hersom, Fire Chief Garry Dyer, and Firefighter Ed Ribas. With this large turnout, the job was completed in only 40 minutes, leaving plenty of time to enjoy the refreshments brought by Janet LeBlanc and Roland Bouchard.

After the work party, a trustees meeting was held, attended by: Bruce LeBlanc, Gordon Peaco, Steve Sneddon, Roland Bouchard, Eric Williams and Harvey Hayden. The trustees formed two committees. The first committee will oversee the Saturday Pond dam and related projects, including water level monitoring. Bruce LeBlanc will chair this committee. The second committee will monitor the quality of the water in the pond and set up water testing programs. Roland Bouchard will chair this committee. Your participation is needed on these committees for them to work. Please show your support on the attached application form.

The next Trustees Meeting will be held on May 14, 1994, 1 PM, at the common area of Pondview Estates.

Questions and Answers

What is the green slime floating in the water?

According to the COLA Lake Book:

Description: Green, cotton candy-like clouds floating in shallow waters.

Analysis: Filamentous algae are common in many lakes and may not indicate a water quality problem. These clouds usually appear after heavy run-off in the spring or following a long, hot spell in the summer.

However, concentrations of this form of algae only in specific areas may indicate a local pollution source, such as a contaminated stream or failing septic system. If a lake develops this type of algae around the entire shoreline, it may be the first indication of a phosphorus problem in the entire lake.

** Newsletter No 2 NOV 1993*

Saturday Pond Watershed Association

Newsletter

No. 3 July 1994

Our Association will be one year old this month!! We are now 22 members strong and making progress toward ensuring that Saturday Pond will be preserved.

The Town of Otisfield approved \$18,000 for the rebuilding of the Saturday Pond outlet dam. Work is scheduled to begin this Fall. The approval of this project is due to the cooperative efforts of members of the Association and the Town.

We will be organizing a work party this September to prepare the construction area by sandbagging in front of the dam. This will be the third work party showing our support to help the Town.

Our second annual meeting will held on Sunday, July 24, 1994 at 11:30AM.

The meeting will be held at the beach/dock area at Pond View Estates. In

the event of rain an alternate site will be posted at the beach. At the meeting we will hold elections for three trustees to serve for a two year term. Also, the meeting will be a chance for you to participate in the preservation of Saturday Pond. Please invite your neighbors that are not already members.

After the meeting we will have a "bring your own" cookout with plenty of hot coals in the barbecue pit.

The Association welcomes the following new members since the November 1993 newsletter:

Stephen and Geraldine Markarian

Bruce and Karen Downing

Lisle and Stephen Smyc

Mark Wills

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Note: This newsletter will be sent to our neighboring lake associations, COLA, and the Town of Otisfield at no charge.

**Minutes of the Second Annual Meeting of the
Saturday Pond Watershed Association
July 24, 1994**

The second annual meeting of the Saturday Pond Watershed Association was held on July 24, 1994 at the Pond View Estates beach area.

Association President Bruce LeBlanc opened the meeting at 11:45 AM.

In attendance were:

Mario Giacalone, Phil Laliberte, and Jeff Cohen of the Duquette/ Rock Foot Camp, Don and Rita Bradford, Gordon Peaco, Joan and Scott Lennox, Eric and Ann Williams, Theresa and Arthur Largent, Harvey and Sarah Hayden, Steve Sneddon, and Steve Markarian.

Eric Williams read the minutes from the July 25, 1993 Annual meeting.

The minutes were accepted as read.

1. Saturday Pond Dam

Bruce LeBlanc reported on the progress with the Saturday Pond Dam. The town voted at the March town meeting to appropriate \$18,000 for the rebuilding of the dam. Selectman Tom Nurmi reported to Bruce that the town has not selected a contractor yet. Bidding is in process and a contractor is to be selected in August. The work is planned to be done in September. Gordon Peaco attended the last Selectman's meeting and confirmed that information. Gordon told the Selectman that they could use Linley Peaco's property to get access to the dam. A road will probably need to be cut and the town may need to bring in some gravel/fill for the access road. Bruce will continue to work with the town and get an update when the Selectmen meet again on August 9.

A work party was planned for August 20 at 9AM to start the sandbagging of the dam in preparation for the work. This was later canceled as the town does not yet have the proper permits and has not determined if the contractor will need the work done. (contractor was not yet selected)

We will work with the town when the dam is rebuilt to provide water level recording.

2. Water Quality

Scott Lennox is now the chair of the water quality committee. He will start the investigation of a water testing program. Don Bradford is also working on the committee and is gathering data on testing methods.

3. Treasurer's Report

Eric Williams read the Treasurer's report.

Our balance is \$182.06. This includes all expenses and dues up to July 24, 1994 and all interest earned through April 29, 1994.

Transaction summary since the formation of the Association on July 25, 1993:

Income:	Dues	\$355.00	Expenses:	State filings	\$ 40.00
	Interest	3.70		COLA 93/94 dues	18.00
				2 Mailings	118.64
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	Total	\$358.70		Total	\$176.64

The major expense was the mailing last Fall which went out to all known addresses in the watershed. The Treasurer's report was accepted.

4. Trustee's Election

Each year we elect 3 trustees to serve for 2 year terms. The following were nominated and elected unanimously -

Steve Markarian, Harvey Hayden, Steve Sneddon

From the six trustees, the following officers were then selected to serve for the next year:

Trustee Term Expires		
Bruce LeBlanc	President	1995
Gordon Peaco	Vice President	1995
Steve Markarian	Vice President	1996
Eric Williams	Treasurer	1995
Steve Sneddon	Corresponding Secretary	1996
Harvey Hayden	Recording Secretary	1996

5. Other Business

Gordon Peaco reported on the COLA annual meeting that was held August 24. He was impressed with the organization and he attended a couple of workshops.

There was not enough response last year for the tee shirts and sweat shirts so no orders were placed. Bruce LeBlanc is looking into another supplier.

1995 dues were paid in advance by the Rock Foot Camp, Bradfords, Sneddons (for 2 lots) and the Williams'. Also Jacques Rodrigua joined the association and his dues will be credited for the 1995 dues year.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:50 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Eric Williams, Secretary

Saturday Pond Watershed Association Newsletter

No. 4 November 1994

Our Association has completed its first year with progress on several fronts toward our goal of ensuring that Saturday Pond will be preserved in the pristine beauty that we all presently enjoy.

We now have 22 members in our Association and this newsletter is a reminder to all members and watershed owners that our membership year runs from January 1995 through December 1995. Dues are \$15 per year and are payable by December 31, 1994. The dues will help support programs to preserve the quality of Saturday Pond and will ensure that you receive future newsletters and information from the Association.

Elections

The following three trustees were nominated and elected to serve for 2 year terms at the Annual Meeting on July 24, 1994:

Steve Markarian
Harvey Hayden
Steve Sneddon

From the six trustees, the following officers were then selected to serve for the next year:

		Term Expires
Bruce LeBlanc	President	1995
Gordon Peaco	Vice President	1995
Steve Markarian	Vice President	1996
Eric Williams	Treasurer	1995
Steve Sneddon	Corresponding Secretary	1996
Harvey Hayden	Recording Secretary	1996

Dam

The Town of Otisfield voted at the March town meeting to appropriate \$18,000 for the rebuilding of the Rayville Dam at the southeast corner of Saturday Pond. This dam controls the level of water in Saturday Pond and is crucial to our efforts to preserve the water quality and the aquatic life in our lake. Selectman Tom Nurmi reported to Bruce LeBlanc that the town had not selected a contractor yet but bidding for the work is in progress and a contractor was scheduled to be selected in August with the work to be completed in September. Gordon Peaco attended a Selectman's meeting in July and confirmed that information. Gordon told the Selectmen that they could use Linley Peaco's

property for access to the dam. A road will probably have to be cut in through the woods and several loads of gravel/fill will be needed to establish an access road to the dam site. However, in early August Selectman Tom Nurmi informed Bruce that the town had filed the wrong permit forms with the State and the permit filing process for repairing the dam would have to be repeated from the beginning. The time required to refile the permit applications and to receive approval from the State would take 2 - 3 months so that rebuilding the dam this fall was not possible! We will now have to wait until 1995 for the construction to begin. Then, to further delay the repair of the dam, the town received bids from three contractors but the bid amounts varied so greatly that the town returned the bids and requested that the bidding contractors review their specifications and resubmit their bids. Bureaucracy at its finest even lives in Otisfield and the State of Maine!

Water Quality

Scott Lennox has agreed to chair the Water Quality committee. Scott has some experience in this area and he will start the investigation of a water testing program along with the assistance of Don Bradford. Attached to this newsletter are copies of water tests that were conducted by the State of Maine from 1984 to 1990. We plan to have a water testing program in place at Saturday Pond by next summer.

Treasurer's Report

Eric Williams has assumed the duties of Treasurer for our Association in the absence of Roland Bouchard. We wish Roland and his family well and hope to see them back at Saturday Pond by next summer. Our balance is \$ 182.06. This includes all expenses and dues up to July 24, 1994 and all interest earned through April 29, 1994.

Transaction summary since the formation of the Association on July 25, 1993:

Income:	Dues: \$355.00	Expenses:	State filings	\$40.00
	Interest: 3.70		COLA 93/94 dues	18.00
			2 mailings	118.64
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	Total \$358.70		Total	\$176.64

1995 dues were paid in advance by the Rock Foot Camp, Bradfords, Sneddons, and the Williams'. Jacques Rodrigua joined the Association this year and his dues will be credited toward the 1995 dues year. Please send us the names of any others that may be interested in joining but have not yet heard of our Association. An application for membership is attached along with a dues form for the 1995 dues. Please send in your dues by December 31, 1994 to the Association -- RR 1 Box 3903 Oxford, ME 04270 . Make checks payable to Saturday Pond Watershed Association.

Meetings

The next Board of Trustees meeting will be held on Sunday April 16, 1995 at 1:00 PM at the common area (Beach 1) at Pondview Estates.

The next Annual Meeting of the Association will be held on Sunday July 23, 1995 at 1:00 PM at the common area (Beach 1) at Pondview Estates.

Have a great winter!

LAKE: SATURDAY P (VMP)
TOWN: OTISFIELD
COUNTY: OXFORD

MIDAS: 3440
*TRUE BASIN: 1
*SAMPLE STATION: 1

WHOLE LAKE INFORMATION

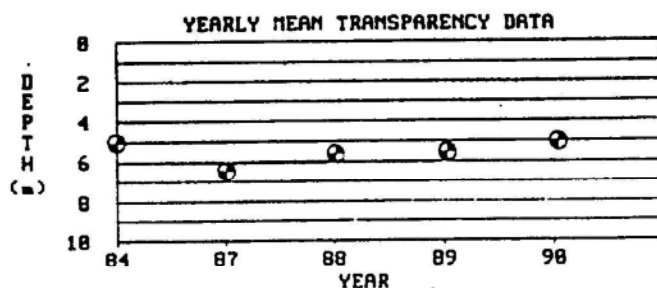
MAX. DEPTH: 8 m. (25 ft.)
MEAN DEPTH: 2 m. (8 ft.)
DELORME ATLAS #: 11
USGS QUAD: NORWAY
IFW REGION A: Sebago Lake (Gray)
IFW FISH. MANAGEMENT: Warmwater

TRUE BASIN CHARACTERISTICS

SURFACE AREA: 69.0 ha. (170.5 a.)
FLUSHING RATE: 0.99 flushes/yr.
VOLUME: 2094336.0 cu. m. (1699 ac.-ft.)
DIRECT DRAINAGE AREA: 3.38 sq. km. (1.31 sq. mi.)

* PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING: The SAMPLE STATION # refers to the number previously called BASIN #. This change has become necessary in order to distinguish between sample locations and TRUE BASINS. The term TRUE BASIN is used to define areas within a lake that are separated by shallow reefs or shoals and therefore function as separate lakes. There are approximately 50 lakes in the state that have more than 1 True Basin. True Basin Characteristics are now being included in the first section of these reports to enable users of the Phosphorous Loading Methodology to better evaluate the data. If there is no data for a particular True Basin, True Basin Characteristics must be obtained from the DEP. SATURDAY P has 1 True Basin(s).

SECCHI DISK TRANSPARENCY GRAPH:



SUMMARY OF CHEMICAL AND TROPHIC STATE PARAMETERS:

YEAR	MEAN COLOR (SPU)	MEAN pH	MEAN ALK	MEAN COND. (µMhos/cm)	TOTAL PHOS. MEANS (ppb)				SECCHI DISK (m.)				CHLOROPHYLL A (ppb)			TROPHIC STATE INDICES			
					CORE	GRAB	GRAB	GRAB	MIN.	MEAN	MAX.	N	MIN.	MEAN	MAX.	EPI PHOS			
																C	G	SEC	CHL
1984	-	-	-	-	13	-	-	-	3.8	5.0*	6.0*	6	1.8	3.6	8.7	49	-	-	44
1987	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.4	6.4*	7.0*	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1988	-	6.50	4.0	-	-	-	-	-	4.9	5.6	6.5	5	-	-	-	-	-	43	-
1989	-	6.50	-	-	9	-	-	-	4.7	5.5*	6.8*	5	-	-	-	41	-	-	-
1990	-	-	-	-	9	-	-	-	4.0	5.0	6.0	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SUMMARY:	-	6.50	4.0	-	10	-	-	-	3.8	5.5*	7.0*	-	1.8	3.6	8.7	45	-	43	44

LATE SUMMER TEMPERATURE / DISSOLVED OXYGEN PROFILES:

DEPTH m	SAMPLE DATE											
	08/30/84		08/24/87		09/18/87		09/16/88		08/03/89		09/07/89	
	°C	ppm	°C	ppm	°C	ppm	°C	ppm	°C	ppm	°C	ppm
1.0	24.0	8.2	20.8	8.2	18.5	9.0	18.2	9.0	24.5	8.2	19.8	9.2
2.0	23.8	8.2	20.8	8.2	18.5	9.0	18.2	9.0	23.8	8.1	18.5	9.3
3.0	23.8	8.1	20.8	8.2	18.5	8.9	18.0	9.0	23.4	7.9	18.3	9.3
4.0	23.5	8.1	20.8	8.2	18.4	8.9	17.8	9.0	23.0	7.6	18.1	9.2
5.0	23.2	7.6	20.8	8.2	18.2	8.9	17.5	9.0	18.7	4.0	18.0	9.1
6.0	22.8	0.1	20.5	8.2	18.1	8.9	17.3	9.0	14.5	0.2	17.9	8.1

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Lakes may experience dissolved oxygen depletion in the late summer or winter as a result of bacterial breakdown of organic matter. In general, cold water fish require oxygen levels greater than 5 parts per million (ppm) to survive and even higher levels to grow and reproduce. Oxygen levels less than 1 ppm can promote the recycling of phosphorus from the lake bottom sediments, which can lead to further water quality problems. NOTE: Effects on fish are considered only if Maine Inland Fisheries & Wildlife manages the lake for 'Coldwater' species (see top section of page 1).

SATURDAY P. shows dissolved oxygen depletion in the bottom waters, to levels which are considered to be low risk for the development of a significant phosphorus internal recycling problem.

The productivity of many lakes can be determined by calculating a Trophic State Index (TSI) from Secchi Disk Readings, Chlorophyll-a values or Total Phosphorus values. The TSI is only calculated when at least 5 months of data exist for May through October, and, data is not missing for two consecutive months. In colored lakes (average color more than 25 Standard Platinum Units or SPU) TSI's may only be calculated using Chlorophyll-a because color interferes with transparency and phosphorus values. At present, the average TSI for monitored Maine lakes is 48 out of a possible 100+. Thus, the average Maine lake is considered to have moderate algal production. Lakes having a TSI less than 25 are considered to have low algal production; lakes having a TSI greater than 60 are considered to have high algal production---have algal blooms or are at risk of having algal blooms if weather conditions are just right. SATURDAY P. has a TSI which indicates moderate algal production usually associated with average transparency and average chlorophyll-a.

Trends in lake water quality may only be determined if adequate data exists.

Lakes exhibit both seasonal trends and annual fluctuations over multiple year periods.

Water quality in SATURDAY P. appears to be stable. Any annual or seasonal fluctuations are probably natural.

Saturday Pond Watershed Association

Newsletter

No. 5 June 1995

We are at the end of our second year! Great progress has been made this Spring on our water quality program. Association member Scott Lennox has been working with the Maine Department of Environmental Protection's Volunteer Water Monitoring Program. Webster "Web" Pearsall from the DEP met with Scott, Eric Williams, and Gordon Peaco this May to help us set up a water testing program for Saturday Pond.

Web loaned us some equipment to do water clarity testing (Secchi disk). This test is done every two weeks by us and the data is sent to the DEP via the Internet. The testing procedure will be demonstrated at the July annual meeting.

We also initiated a 2 year testing program involving sample taking and lab analysis monthly from May through September. The annual cost for this program will be about \$150; the majority of the cost is for lab fees. This will give us a good baseline of our water quality that can be used years from now when we evaluate the effects of development in the watershed.

Gordon Peaco has been working with the town to ensure the Saturday Pond dam project stays on schedule. The \$18,000 allocation from last year was carried over to 1995. Construction is scheduled to begin in the early Fall 1995.

Eric Williams reported at the April trustees meeting that our treasury balance is \$372.04 and we have 16 members for 1995.

Our third annual meeting will held on Sunday, July 23, 1995 at 11:30AM.

The meeting will be held at the beach/dock area at Pond View Estates. In the event of rain an alternate site will be posted at the beach. At the meeting we will hold elections for three trustees to serve for a two year term. **Please invite your neighbors that are not already members.** After the meeting we will have a "bring your own" cookout with plenty of hot coals in the barbecue pit.

1995 Membership list:

Rockfoot Camp
Don and Rita Bradford

Paula Sneddon

Steve Sneddon

Jacques Rodrigua

Ann and Eric Williams

Bob and Linda Cali

Steve, Jeri and Julie Markarian

Bruce and Janet LeBlanc

Bruce and Karen Downing

Linley Peaco

Gordon Peaco

Roland Bourgoin

Chuck Noble and Pat McPartlin

Harvey Hayden

Joan and Scott Lennox

Saturday Pond Watershed Association RR1 Box 3903 (Otisfield) Oxford, ME 04270

Note: This newsletter will be sent to our neighboring lake associations, COLA, and the Town of Otisfield at no charge.

**Minutes of the Third Annual Meeting of the
Saturday Pond Watershed Association
July 23, 1995**

The third annual meeting of the Saturday Pond Watershed Association was held on July 23, 1993 at the Pond View Estates beach area.

Association President Bruce LeBlanc opened the meeting at 12 noon.

In attendance were:

Bruce LeBlanc, Don Bradford, Gordon Peaco, Joan and Scott Lennox, Mercedes Hersom, Eric and Ann Williams

Eric Williams read the minutes from the July 24, 1994 annual meeting. The minutes were accepted as read.

Eric Williams presented the Treasurer's Report. Our Treasury balance is \$334.28. The Treasurers report was accepted.

1. Saturday Pond Dam

Bruce LeBlanc and Gordon Peaco reported on the status of the Saturday Pond dam project. The selectmen told Gordon that the town has obtained the permits and selected G. W. Rice of Norway as the contractor. Bruce confirmed that he had also received this information from Selectman Tom Nurmi and that the project was still planned for late September or October 1995.

\$18,000 is still in the town appropriations for this project.

2. Water Quality

Scott Lennox has begun a water testing program, working with the State DEP. Web Pearsall from the DEP is conducting monthly water tests during the Summers of 1995 and 1996 to establish a baseline profile of our pond's water condition. These tests are funded by the Watershed Association at a cost of about \$150 to \$180 per year.

Web has loaned us a water clarity testing device called a Secchi Disk. The disk is lowered into the lake at the deepest spot. Water clarity is determined by the maximum depth that the disk is still visible.

3. Trustee's Election

Each year we elect 3 trustees to serve for 2 year terms. The following were nominated and elected unanimously -

Bruce LeBlanc - re-elected, Gordon Peaco - re-elected, and Scott Lennox.

From the six trustees, the following officers were then selected to serve for the next year:

Trustee Term Expires

Bruce LeBlanc	President	1997
Gordon Peaco	Treasurer	1997
Steve Markarian	Vice President	1996
Scott Lennox	Recording Secretary	1995
Steve Sneddon	Corresponding Sec	1996
Harvey Hayden	Vice President	1996

The trustees asked Eric Williams to continue managing the finances for the association.

4. Other Business

1996 dues were paid in advance by the Bradfords, Mercedes Hersom, and the Williams

Our association mailing address has changed to:

Saturday Pond Watershed Association
40 Ridgewood Terrace
Otisfield, ME 04270

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Eric Williams