

Thomas Pond Improvement Association (TPIA)

General Membership Meeting - 3 August 2019

In attendance: Christine Bradbury, Bob Chapin, Sue Chapin, Dave DeLuca, Frank Jaffe, Harry Kwatny, Steve Marchant, Gil Richard, Mark Richard, Beth Warren

Bob Chapin called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. and welcomed those present.

Sue Chapin read the minutes from the 2019 general membership meeting. The minutes were accepted as read.

Treasurer's Report was presented by Sue Chapin. The **Opening Balance** was **\$7552.20**. **Deposits** (from 2018 Appeal) totaled **\$2230**. **Expenses** for the year (Phosphorus testing, refreshments for 2018 meeting, 2018 Appeal postcards and mailing, Thank You postcards, postcard stamps, replacement boards for dam) totaled **\$679.13**. **Closing Balance** is **\$9103.07**. There was one question about the frequency of phosphorus testing; it is done once a year. The Treasurer's report was accepted as presented.

Water Quality: Initial water clarity was lower than prior years' average readings due to this past spring's rains and runoff. Most recent readings have shown improved clarity. Dick Horr (water quality monitor) contacted Bob to let him know that the meter he uses to measure the oxygen level in the lake is aging and should be replaced. Bob will get the info on the cost of a new meter and will present a request to Raymond Waterways Protective Association and Lake Stewards of Maine to see if either or both organizations would be able to help defray the cost of a new meter. At last year's meeting the state of the throat of the dam was discussed. Bob has been trying to find someone who works with concrete who could estimate the cost of any repair work that would need to be done to restore the integrity of this part of the dam.

Bob purchased ten replacement water control boards for the dam and put in the rebar pegs. He will make ten more. Before putting in the new boards, the area around the dam and the dam itself will need to be cleaned out. Bob and Frank Jaffe began clearing brush and vines within

fenced area this spring, but additional work is needed. There was discussion about how to control water flow in order to replace the lower control boards. In addition, it was suggested that TPIA purchase and fill sand bags which would be used to block any areas of the dam from further erosion. A work party is scheduled for Saturday, September 14, to work on the dam. Bob will send a reminder.

Beaver Activity: In response to a 2018 meeting concern and discussion, several Board members tried to locate the beaver dam that was mentioned but none was found. Bob spoke with Inland Fisheries and Wildlife biologist, Scott Lindsay, and asked about the protocol for removing a beaver from the lake. If a beaver lodge is located and is impeding the flow of water into the lake or is causing damage to private property or roadways around the lake, an animal control officer can be hired to remove the beaver. Currently, there is no beaver issue.

Dues will remain \$25.

New Business: Prior to the meeting, Bob was contacted by a lake resident who reported several dead fish floating on the water. This was also brought up at the meeting. Bob suggested that anyone who sees a dead fish or a fish in distress should retrieve it and bring it to him. In the meantime, he will contact Inland Fisheries and Wildlife for guidance on this issue.

Elections: According to the By-Laws revision which were approved in 2018, the election of officers and board members will be staggered in order to avoid having an entirely new board and/or officers in any given year. At this meeting, the offices of Secretary and Treasurer were elected. Sue Chapin and Christine Bradbury were elected to serve as Secretary and Treasurer respectively. Board members Frank Jaffe and Dave DeLuca were re-elected to serve another three year term.

The meeting adjourned at 9:47 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Chapin

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Treasurer's Report – 26 June 2019

Opening Balance	\$7552.20
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Deposits – 2018 Appeal	\$2230.00
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Expenses

July 2018 – Village Donut – Membership Meeting	\$ 32.39
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Aug 2018 – DHHS – Phosphorus Testing	25.00
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Aug 2018 – Time 4 Printing – Postcards, 2018 Appeal	394.74
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Aug 2018 – Time 4 Printing – Thank You Postcards	50.08
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Oct 2018 – Chapin – Reimbursement Postcard Stamps	28.00
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May 2019 – Lowes – Replacement boards for dam	148.92
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Total Expenses	\$ 679.13
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Closing Balance	\$9103.07
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