

MINUTES FROM ALLEN POND IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING 7/16/11

LOCATION: Greene Fire Station

MODERATOR: Dave Iannotti

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Suzanne Rousseau, Brett Bisesti, Frank Hogan, Carol Buzzell, Linda Liberty and Monita Gagnon.

The meeting was called to attention by the Moderator at 9:11 am. Roll call was done. Suzanne Rousseau welcomed people and thanked them for attending. There were approximately 42 people present.

Secretary's 2010 report was passed out for people to review and ask questions if so desired. Minutes were accepted as read.

Treasurer's 2010 report was explained by Brett Bisesti. Report was accepted as read.

Water clarity report was given by Katie Carville. She stated that she had tested the water on Allen Pond for 6 months and that the Phosphorous level came in at 5. She said that the water quality is considered average. The potential for algae bloom is low. She had spoken to Scott Williams about these findings and he stated that the report is average for the state of Maine. She said that he will re-evaluate the pond.. She stated that Scott recommended doing 4 tests per year. She currently has funding available to do 2 tests. She said that she would make a motion later to receive funding for the extra testing. Her report was accepted as read.

OLD BUSINESS:

Greene Village Days—Treasurer Brett Bisesti stated that we made \$95.29 at last year's event.

Web Site—Ideas from members are requested.

Bottle Drive—Next year a bottle drive will be scheduled for the week of the 4<sup>th</sup>. of July. People may bring their bottles to Greenhorn Redemption in Leeds. We are receiving 20% extra from them for our bottles.

Dam Committee—The Association is very grateful to those who help to keep the dam clean. Bob Beckey is pleased to be receiving the help. Frank Hogan has been designated as Chairman of the dam committee. Suzanne and Frank and Chuck at DEP will be working on a new plan for the dam. Frank stated that he will be working more with Bob Beckey. He feels that the water levels are better and that we are headed in the right direction. Things have been much more stable in the past few years. Gene Houghton asked about the condition of the dam and if there are any upcoming problems. Frank Hogan stated that things are being watched. The State comes in from time to time to check things out.

Golf Tournament—This topic was tabled last year but can be still be scheduled if anybody is interested.

Summer Activities—Frank Hogan hosted a small hot dog cookout at his home on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and said that it went well. He would like to do more fun things and stated that he will talk to some people and get back to Suzanne with ideas. Chris Pugh suggested a good idea. He works for a potato chip company and could help out at these gatherings with chips. Suzanne stated that it would be great to make our community a fun place. We need people to participate if this is to happen She asked that people call members of the board and give them their ideas.

Newsletter—Suzanne stated that the board may do one and publish it on our web site and mail copies to people that do not get email. A motion was made by Andy St. Pierre to accept the items of old business. Motion was accepted by the majority.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Two more beavers have been removed from the pond. Jim Roy, the trapper who has been trapping them has transferred them even further than usual. Suzanne asked the group to let her know if any more are spotted.

Photo Contest—Members voted to participate in this activity unanimously. Directions for the contest were handed out to all those present who were interested. Dick Galgovitch suggested that the members pick the winner at our next annual meeting. Nadine Suereth suggested that we take the 12 best photos and use them to make a calendar for a fundraiser. Everyone agreed that this was an excellent idea. It was suggested that next year the winning pictures should be put on our website.

Basic Water Quality Monitoring—It will cost \$800.00 to have a new study done. There has not been one done since 1996. A motion was made by Katie Carville to allocate funding for this project. It was seconded by Nancy Bisesti. Scott Williams suggested that this test should be done every 5 years. The results of this study will be sent to Suzanne and it will be put on our website so that everybody can review them. She suggested that those without computers should call her and ask for a copy. Mr. Lebel commented that the Association should be prepared to take action if a problem arises. Katie Carville stated that the report which will be done by Scott Williams is much more thorough than the one that she does and will determine which way the pond is going.,

Boater Safety Course—This will be offered through the Fall Adult Ed classes. More information on this will be forthcoming once everything is final. Nancy Bisesti added that insurance rates are reduced if people take this course.

Buoys—Our four buoys have been updated. There are only 4 allowed on the pond. Dick Galgovitch stated that he had spoken to our warden Dave Chabot about the reason for only having 4 and was told by him that it is because he, as warden, is responsible for monitoring these and did not want to be responsible for more than 4. There was a discussion about putting 2 more buoys where the old beach used to be and one near the entrance and exit of each island.

Fish Stocking Update—Steve Wood will put in a bill in January in the Legislature allowing small towns stocking their own fish in their ponds and lakes. Either the town or the Associations would help to fund

this project. Dick Galgovitch said that he spoke to the commissioner about the state changing its criteria and allowing trout to be stocked in Allen Pond and he will continue to monitor this. Chris Pugh stated that he was against having a new boat launch. Frank Hogan suggested that perhaps we should have a special meeting to talk about the boat launch and fish stocking to see how the people on the pond feel about these issues. Mr. Varney stated that having the town look into getting legislation was the best idea. A motion was made by Frank Hogan to have a special meeting in February, at a date to be determined with a workshop on stocking and a boat launch. It was suggest that we invite the selectmen and the Town Manager to this meeting .

Vinyl Signs for notification of Annual Meetings and special meetings—Kevin Healey made a motion asking the Association to approve funding for this. It was unanimously approved.

New Water testing person—Suzanne Rousseau announced that Jim Bisesti had recently been approved to do water testing on Allen Pond and would be doing this in conjunction with Katie Carville. It was reported by Katie Carville that there is a new species of fish in the pond. It is called Shai and she actually caught one and it was black with diamonds and gold scales.

A motion was made by Kevin Healey to accept the new business. It was seconded by Nancy Bisesti and approved by the majority.

**Speaker** – Dick Galgovitch – History of Allen Pond – Including Horsepower size, Water Level and Water Quality – Dick was allowed 20 minutes and equal time was allowed to the membership for rebuttal. Dick discussed his opinion on horsepower size and indicated that he feels that they should be lowered to prevent shoreline erosion. Comments from the group were that most saw great improvement since the camp ground was gone. Most felt that the majority of the folks on the pond followed the shoreline laws and it was up to the State to see that the laws were up held. Dick stated to the group that he loved water skiing as a child with his Grandfather. He was asked why he was going behind the group to get bills passed to make this change and replied that it was his right to do so. The majority of the group felt he should work together with the APIA and not behind the property owners and membership. He was asked why he was taking pictures of his neighbors enjoying summer and boating with their family which he denied until pressed by a member that saw him with a camera and then he admitted taking pictures. The group did not approve. He mentioned that water levels were much better this year with some feeling that less rain, no beaver issues and the dam committee helping maintain constant water levels were factors.

Water quality was another subject that Dick gave his opinion on with most not agreeing with his comments. Several members felt that water quality was much improved since the camp ground closed. Eliminating buildings not to code, less boat traffic, improved shoreline with less run off, elimination of unapproved septic systems at the camp ground, as well at ground stability helped the improved water quality..

Election of Officers—Nancy Bisesti nominated Robin Healey to be the new Vice President of the Association. This nomination was unanimously accepted. Mark Randall offered to accept the position

of representative in Ward 5 and was voted in unanimously. A motion was made by Kevin Healey to accept the existing and new members of the board. The new board is as follows:

President—Suzanne Rousseau

Vice President—Robin Healey

Treasurer—Brett Bisesti

Secretary—Monita Gagnon

Ward #1—Frank Hogan

Ward #2—Linda Liberty

Ward #3—Dave Iannotti

Ward #4—Carol Buzzell

Ward #5—Mark Randall

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Submitted by Monita Gagnon, Secretary APIA