

## MINUTES FROM ALLEN POND IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION YEARLY MEETING JULY 17, 2010

The meeting was called to order by President Suzanne Rousseau at 9:10 a.m.

Board members present were: Suzanne Rousseau (President), Theresa Brown (Vice President), Brett Bisesti (Treasurer) and Monita Gagnon (Secretary).

The meeting began with a presentation done by Scott Williams. He spoke about the Volunteer Lake Maine Program. VLMP is 7 years old and oversees 6000 lakes. This group is the largest data collector in the State of Maine. Volunteers help by gathering evidence about the lakes in Maine.

Scott said that a healthy lake has good water clarity, oxygen content and water quality. He said that lakes and ponds in Maine are clearer than in other states. He said that there are two major threats to clear water. These threats are algae growth and invasive plants. He said that VLMP is also concerned about the entire watershed areas of lakes and ponds. The watershed is the land that surrounds the body of water. A lake watershed is part of the lake ecosystem. What happens in the lake is affected by what happens in the watershed. The watershed is determined by the lay of the land. The natural characteristics of the lake are affected by the watershed also.

Scott spoke about soil erosion being the largest pollutant in the world. It carries phosphorous into the lakes and ponds. Phosphorous causes algae and makes water less clear. Lakes are highly sensitive to the nutrient phosphorous. Phosphorous also comes from fertilizers and human and organic waste.

Scott gave some statistics on Allen Pond. It comprises 188 acres. It has a maximum depth of 44 feet and an average depth of 19 feet. It has a flushing rate of 0.89/yr. This is the amount of time the water is replaced per year and generally takes about a year to happen. The watershed area of Allen Pond is 2.65 square miles. Allen Pond phosphorous content is 7 parts per billion. This is an average rate according to Scott. These statistics came from surveys of New England Fisheries done in the 1950's.

In 2009 monitoring results of Allen Pond showed the water clarity at 4.7 meters. The phosphorous content was 9 parts per billion. This is considered as average.

Scott concluded his presentation by saying that Maine lakes were a lot less clearer in 2009 because of all the rain that fell that year. In recent years Allen Pond has been getting clearer with the deeper readings. He said that public involvement is extremely important in assuring that the pond stays clear and free from invasive plants and algae.

### OLD BUSINESS:

Members gave their approval for APIA's participation in Greene Village Days. Theresa Brown addressed the members and informed all that APIA and the Library would be working together on this project. She stated that APIA would be selling lobster rolls in 2 different sizes. The deluxe size would contain ½ cup of lobster on a roll. The regular size would contain ¼ cup of lobster on a roll. APIA would be charging

\$8.00 for the large roll and \$5.50 for the regular size. The profit would be \$2.50 on these. Pat Rose, Cathy Rose and Theresa Brown will be working at the booth. The date of Greene Village Days is September 11<sup>th</sup>. 2010.

Members stated that they wanted separate money for the project. A motion was made and seconded and this project was approved.

There was also a discussion about purchasing grocery bags to sell as a fund raiser for APIA. These could be sold at Greene Village Days and also on an ongoing basis. Suzanne Rousseau had a sample of the bag which she showed the members. Members were very happy with the look of the bag. A motion was made, seconded and approved to go ahead with the purchase of the bags. Members approved \$2,500.00 for the purchase of the grocery bags and the items needed to sell lobster rolls at Greene Village Days.

Next item discussed were email addresses. President, Suzanne Rousseau asked that all in attendance provide the board with their current email addresses.

Boat Launch—President, Suzanne Rousseau reported that the board did not have any new information on this subject. Dick Galgovitch spoke about a letter that Frances Braudigam from the State of Maine had sent to Charlie Noonan, Greene Town Manager. In this letter Mr. Bruadigam stated that things are moving forward in procuring a boat launch and that things are looking good. He also stated that the State is looking for another parcel for vehicle parking. Suzanne Rousseau addressed the group saying that it was important that the Board be kept informed of happenings and that we stay on top as a group. Any new information will be posted on our website as we receive it.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Bottle Drive—Suzanne Rousseau informed the group that things have not worked out too well with APIA bringing its bottles to Bebe's. She suggested that we go back to the prior way of collecting our bottles by going door to door. She said that we used to make about \$300.00 doing it this way. We have only made \$18.63 by having people bring their bottles to Bebe's. She stated that we would need volunteers if we are to go door to door. These collections would be done around Memorial Day, July 4<sup>th</sup>. and Labor Day. She also suggested that people call us if they have bottles and we could go pick them up. A motion was made, seconded and accepted to go back to the door to door collection of bottles.

Dam Cleaning Committee—Bob Beckey stated that things were going well. He said that there weren't any beavers around the dam yet.

Annual Meeting—Suzanne Rousseau stated that she would like the scheduling date of the annual meeting to be more flexible. She would like the by-laws to be amended allowing the meeting to be held on any Saturday in July. She explained the difficulty in finding speakers and said that it would be much easier to get speakers if we were not tied down to one specific Saturday in July. A motion was made to

change the date of the annual meeting. The motion was denied by the group. Thus the annual meeting will continue to be held on the third Saturday in July.

Golf Tournament—An APIA golf tournament was proposed to the members and they were asked if they were interested in participating in one. There was not any interest from the members. The topic was tabled.

Summer Activities—The members were asked if they would be interested in any summer activities. Members responded that this would interest them once we have a boat launch.

Photo Contest—Suzanne Rousseau discussed having a photo contest for next year. Photos would need to be submitted by June 1, 2011. They would need to be 4 x 6 in size and consist of photos of places on Allen Pond. The APIA board will hold a meeting in June and will pick winners. A motion was made, seconded and approved to go ahead and have a photo contest. More information on this subject will be available in our newsletter.

Signs for Pond—Dick Galgovitch spoke about the problem with people obeying the 200 feet from shore rule. He would like to see signs on Allen Pond which say “No Wake Zone” on top of the buoys that are placed around the pond. A motion was made by him to set aside \$200.00 to purchase these new signs. The motion was denied. Suzanne Rousseau said that she would get books from the State on this subject.

Election of Officers—

President---Suzanne Rousseau

Vice President---Theresa Brown

Treasurer---Brett Bisesti

Secretary---Monita Gagnon

Ward 1---Frank Hogan

Ward 2---Linda Liberty

Ward 3---Dave Iannotti

Ward 4---Volunteer Needed

Ward 5---Volunteer Needed

Motion was made, seconded and approved for the election of these board members.

Door prizes were raffled off and meeting was adjourned at 11:00.

Submitted by Monita Y. Gagnon, Secretary APIA