

FY18 PPA Spring Meeting: 10 June 2018

Present were:

30 properties were represented. Please see membership attendees at the end of these minutes.

The meeting was held at Mandy and Tom Moran's Camp, 140 Upper Pratt Pond Road. Special thanks to Mandy and Tom for hosting.

Current PPA Officers: Joe Woodworth, President; Dwayne White, Vice-President; Bill Symonds, Treasurer; and Sandy Heim, Secretary. PPA Board Members are Mary Fortier, Brett Kivela and Tom Moran.

Introductions

We welcomed new members, Alison and Nathan Retzlaff of 27 Upper Pratt Pond to the PPA.

Remembrance of past PPA members

The PPA spent a few minutes recognizing PPA members lost during this past year. Our thoughts and prayers go out to their families; both were longstanding members of the PPA.

) Kevin Carey: Upper Pratt Pond Road
) Dave Cotzin Jr.: Lower Pratt Pond Road

A memorial service for Dave will be held on July 8, 2018 at the New Ipswich Athletic Association, 234 Page Hill Road, New Ipswich, NH.

Topics:

Treasurer Update

Bill Symonds reviewed the FY18 PPA Treasurer's Report (attached). The current balance is \$6,858.57.

The PPA spent \$2,215 on registration fees, water testing and road repair. In addition, funded by the FY17 budget, the association has not yet paid for the recent road grading efforts (completed Saturday, 6/02) which is expected to cost about \$1,000, leaving ~\$2,500 of appropriated funds to augment the FY18 road maintenance plans. Please reference the attached Treasurer's Report.

Bill is accepting membership dues. Please mail your dues to 99 Lower Pratt Pond Road, or feel free to drop the dues of with one of the PPA officers or board members.

Road Committee Update

Dwayne White provided an update on the condition of the roads. Dwayne and the board felt that the roads held up better this past year than prior years due to the material brought in, Jon Flagg's grading efforts, and the efforts by volunteers to maintain the roadways.

Dwayne recommended we allocate funds for road maintenance for next spring. After some discussion, a decision was made to allocate \$2,500 (in addition to the ~\$2,500 in the budget) for the purchase of material, for the spring grading efforts, and to build sufficient funds for unplanned repairs. This appropriation was approved by vote.

This spring Marshall Cain and the residents of Middle Pratt donated time and funds to purchase gravel and build up the section of road between Lower Pratt Pond Road and the Cain's property.

Dam Update

Brett provided an update on the dam. Per the PPA handbook, the drawdown started the day after Columbus Day (October 10, 2017). The drawdown was slow with no more than one board removed per day. It took one full week for the pond to drop to the winter level.

As seen in the dam report (attached), Brett followed the plan to gradually increase the water level without jeopardizing docks (with floating ice). Water level was at the 48" mark as of Memorial Day weekend. Brett has been maintaining the water level making sure not to significantly exceed the 48" mark. Everything has been going very well with no complaints about the water level. Brett commented that the new boards are holding up very well with very little leakage.

The team continues to monitor boulder movement near the original spillway. The Dam Committee will continue to check for any movement of material at the dam and spillway.

The dam inspection occurred on November 14, 2017. Brett Kivela and Joe Woodworth were in attendance. The state inspector, Jim Weber, was pleased with the condition of the dam and suggested we continue what we are doing with no additional suggestions for improvement. A revised OMR form was supplied to DES on November 17, 2017. The dam inspection report is in process.

Note that this year is not a full drawdown; the full drawdown is not planned for until 2020 per the PPA bylaws.

Water Report

Norm Sheppard provided and reviewed the attached Volunteer Lake Assessment Program (VLAP) water report. All test results were positive (good).

Norm commented that the e-coli and chlorophyll levels were low, and rated "very good" by the VLAP. The level of phosphorus was also considered good; phosphorus levels were a concern after a spike in prior year's readings.

Dan Blanchette communicated the purpose of increasing the water tests to three due to what appeared to be growing phosphorus levels. After seeing the phosphorus level trends going back to normal, Dan made a motion to reduce the water tests back to once per year. This decision was approved by vote.

Norm will reach out to the VLAP team to schedule the July testing.

Work Detail

The next scheduled work detail is on Saturday June 23, 2018 at 8:00 AM. Members will meet at the dam.

PPA cleanup day typically consists of cutting back brush along the spillway and dam, digging culverts and ditches, picking up trash along the roadways and trimming branches along the roadways. Help is always appreciated, and the comraderies built as a result of the members working together is great for the pond.

Nancy Redling suggested a few members of the team clear the stream upward of the culvert at Sharon and Tony Pagliccia's home. Brush from a beaver dam appear to be restricting flow into the culvert. Also Nancy suggested trenching along the roadway to prevent water from crossing the road.

Location for Next Year's PPA Meetings

The Fall 2018 Meeting will be held at Dan Blanchette's camp, Sunday, September 9, 2018, 10:00am at 113 Lower Pratt Pond Road.

Mary and Marc Fortier volunteered to host next year's PPA Spring Meeting. Per the bylaws, the Spring Meeting occurs on the 2nd Sunday in June. Our Spring Meeting will be held on Sunday, June 9, 2019, 10:00am, at 158 Lower Pratt Pond Road.

The PPA Officers and Board express their appreciation to Mary, Mark and Dan for volunteering to host these meetings.

New Business

The PPA board suggested purchasing a truckload of gravel to be stored by Dean Card (Doc) for spot repair of the roadways. The PPA would pay Doc for delivery of material as needed. This suggestion was approved by vote.

Bruce Brennan provided an update on the PPA web site; the new web page is under construction. A new domain hosting service has been contracted (~\$24 per year). Sharon Atwood volunteered to work with Bruce to transition information from the old web site to the new site. Bruce and Sharon planned to meet after the association meeting.

Fireworks permits are available from the town. Brett Kivela had some forms for PPA members if needed.

Nominations

The PPA Officers (President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary) were up for election this year. A motion was made for all Officers to continue to serve for the next two years. This motion was approved by vote.

Meeting Adjourned

Attachments

2017 Dam Report
2017 Treasurer Report
2017 Water Report

Property Owners in Attendance:

Sharon Atwood & Ken Osbourne	60 Middle
Dan Blanchette	113 Lower
Brenda Bloomgren	49 Upper
Bruce Brennan	202 Upper
Marshall Cain	27 Middle
Dave Cotzin	105 Lower
Mary & Marc Fortier	158 Lower
Diane & Chris Gaudet	190 Upper
Andrew Glavey	Flinkstrom
Sandy & Ron Heim	216 Upper
Brett Kivela	210 Upper
Tracy Koutonen	50 Middle
Mark Marble	126 Upper
Deborah May	38 Middle
Mandy & Tom Moran	140 Upper
Josie & Dan Nason	151 Lower
Sharon Oikelmus	48 Middle
Judith Prager & John O'Brien	88 Upper
Nancy Redling	190 Lower
Alison & Nathan Retzlaff	27 Upper
Mark Roth	184 Upper
Glenn & Mary Ellen Severance	185 Lower
Elizabeth Shelly	159 Lower
Joanie & Norm Sheppard	185 Upper
Bill Symonds	200 Upper
Diane Tardiff	119 Lower
Kim Vaillancourt	66 Middle
Jutka Varhegyi	3 Flinkstrom
Dwayne White	120 Upper
Joe Woodworth	174 Upper

2017 Dam Report

-) Redwood boards are holding up very well; minimal leakage seen on board ends. Brett can stop the leak by applying weed/mud to the impacted areas
-) Minimal movement of the boulders alongside the dam near the old spillway

Brett recorded the following:

10/10/2017: Dam drawdown start (3" – 4" per day). Boards 1 & 2 remain for winter season

11/14/2017: Dam Inspection

2/09/2018: #3 3" Board installed. Ice present on pond

3/02/2018: #4 boards installed. Water level at 24" mark. Ice out.

3/20/2018. Pond observed to be icing over; #4 board lifted.

4/03/2018. Ice out. Boards #4 and #5 installed.

4/31/2018: All snow melted. Water at 36" mark. Heavy rains finished. Installed board #6.

5/06/2018. #7 board installed.

5/09/2018. #8 board installed. Water was over board #7.

5/20/2018. Water at 48" level.

06/09/2018. Pond ¼" high; bleader board lifted to reduce water level and let pollen over dam.