

FY19 PPA Fall Meeting: 8 September 2019

Present were:

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

The meeting was held at Andrea and Bruce Ouellette's, 139 Lower Pratt Pond Road. Special thanks to Andrea and Bruce 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.

Topics:

Treasurer Update

Bill Symonds reviewed the FY19 PPA Treasurer's Report (attached). The current balance is \$9,892.79.

Dues were paid by 43 members, with two additional memberships paid on the date of our Fall meeting. Historically, this year's membership is higher than the past few years. Note the following:

-) 2019: 43 members
-) 2018: 36 members
-) 2017: 41 members
-) 2016: 40 members

To date, PPA has spent \$1,966.78 of the FY19 budget.

-) \$60 was paid for the Voluntary Lake Assessment Program (VLAP) for water quality testing.
-) \$950 was paid to Jon Flagg for the grading service.
-) \$150 paid for fuel for the roller / compactor.
-) Gravel was purchased for \$225 for use at the intersection of Middle and Upper.
-) A 2" trash pump was purchased for weed control at the cost of \$581.78.

Road Committee Update

Dwayne White provided an update on the condition of the roads. Overall the roads held up pretty well, even with the excessive rains we had again this summer.

Jon Flagg did another excellent job grading the roads, followed up with Dwayne compacting the roads. It was felt that compacting the roads significantly improved all the roads. The association thanks Dwayne for his efforts.

Spot repairs were made throughout the year:

-) The ditch alongside Lower Pratt Pond Road was improved on pond clean-up day, and maintained throughout the summer;
-) Granite at the Bertram camp was cut and topped using a wet saw

-) Many boulders were topped using feathers and wedges, and many were dug and removed.
-) The mud hole at the intersection of Middle and Upper was filled, and appears to be hardening.
-) Additional efforts are planned in preparation for the winter months.

Dam Update

Brett was not available to attend the Fall Meeting. The PPA felt that the water level was managed well throughout the summer and extended our appreciation to Brett for doing an excellent job.

Per the PPA handbook, the drawdown is scheduled to start the day after Columbus Day (Tuesday, October 8, 2018). The PPA handbook suggests the drawdown will be slow with no more than one board removed per day, and it would take one full week for the pond to drop to the winter level. On July 29th, Dan Blanchette and Joe Woodworth were able to discuss weed control with the visiting biologist (Kerri Strobeck). During this discussion, we clarified our understanding of the following:

-) Typical dam owners draw down the pond as quickly as possible, subject to downstream restrictions (i.e. care is taken now to flood people's yards downstream).
-) Fast drawdowns are preferred because floating silt, particles, weeds, etc. will pass over the dam
 - o Fish, turtles and wildlife will only flow over the dam if they want to (extremely unlikely)
 - o There are no drawbacks that she was aware of for fast drawdowns.

This year's schedule for the drawdown is to be determined. The PPA Board will schedule some weed removal experiments, and initiate drawdown quickly after. Also, the level will be determined by the board – it may exceed the typical 2ft drawdown to help eliminate some weeks and floating debris. Drawdown will start soon after Columbus Day, but possibly not until the following weekend. The PPA Board will determine the schedule, appropriate level and advise members.

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 was not able to review the water results. Dwayne White reviewed the water test results; overall there were no surprises.

-) Color ranged from 30 to 40 indicating a light tea color.
-) Chloride was <3 mg/l which is typical for NH ponds
-) Chlorophyll-A was around 4 ug/l which is considered Good.
-) Bacteria (E-coli) was 2 counts/ml, significantly below the maximum of 47 counts/ml. Note for E-coli there is a sampling and geometric calculation for the maximum amount; a level of 47 counts/ml is acceptable and our level is only 2 counts/ml (very good).
-) ANC was 2.8 indicating moderately vulnerable by the VLAP guidelines. This value appears constant for the last many years.
-) pH was 5.46, worst case, and is in the endangered stage of the guideline.
-) Total Phosphorus was a maximum of 10ug/l, and is considered in the Low (good) range.
-) Water clarity was the depth of the pond; ~2.5. This is considered good.
-) Conductivity was ~15 uMhos/cm; far below the concern if conductivity approaches 100 uMhos/cm
-) Turbidity was less than 1 which is the median for NH.

The 2019 water report is attached. Also, included is a summary of the water testing results dating back as far as 2009.

Location for Next Year's PPA Meeting

Mandy and Tom Moran 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 14, 2020, 10:00am, at 140 Upper Pratt Pond Road.

New Business

In an effort to reduce some of the weeds in the pond, the PPA Board purchased a trash pump that can be used to lift some weeds along the beaches, and to remove some of the algae floating in the pond. The practical use of the pump has yet to be determined, but the PPA board, along with help from Dan Blanchette and Bruce Ouellette, will determine how and when to use it effectively. The plan is to float as many weeds as possible immediately prior to lowering the pond. More communications on this as we approach October.

Meeting Adjourned

Attachments

2019 Fall Treasurer Report

2019 Water Report

2019 Water Report Summary

Property Owners in Attendance:

Dan Blanchette	113 Lower
Bruce Brennan	202 Upper
Jenn & Marshall Cain	27 Middle
Diane & Chris Gaudet	190 Upper
Steven Oikelmus	48 Middle
Andrea & Bruce Ouellette	139 Lower
Sharon & Tony Pagliccia	143 Lower
Nancy Redling	190 Lower
Glenn & Mary Ellen Severance	185 Lower
Liz & Meghan Shelley	159 Lower
Bill Symonds	200 Upper
Diane Tardiff	119 Lower
Dwayne White	120 Upper
Joe Woodworth	174 Upper