

FY18 PPA Fall Meeting: 9 September 2018

Present were:

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

The meeting was held at Dan Blanchette's, 113 Lower Pratt Pond Road. Special thanks to Dan 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 FY18 PPA Treasurer's Report (attached). The current balance is \$8579.57.

To date, PPA has spent \$955.00 of the FY18 budget. \$80 was paid for the Voluntary Lake Assessment Program (VLAP) for water quality testing. \$875 was paid to Jon Flagg for the grading service.

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 this summer.

A few spot repairs are planned by the PPA board over the next few weeks. Specifically work will be done in the area of Middle and Upper Pratt Pond Roads, and some minor ditch work near the creek on Lower Pratt Pond Road.

Dam Update

Brett provided an update on the dam. Per the PPA handbook, the drawdown will start the day after Columbus Day (October 9, 2018). The drawdown will be slow with no more than one board removed per day. It will take one full week for the pond to drop to the winter level. Note that this year is not a full drawdown; the full drawdown is not planned for until 2020 per the PPA bylaws.

Water level is at the 48" mark, but Brett will remove the bleeder board in preparation for the rains coming this week. Overall the water level has been consistent, with the exception of one week where ground saturation resulted in a rapid increase in the water height. Brett and Dan scrambled to drain off some of the water, and everything was back to normal within a few days.

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.

Water Report

Norm Sheppard was not able to review the water results. Norm and Joe Woodworth collected samples on July 17, 2018. Dwayne white reviewed the attached Volunteer Lake Assessment Program (VLAP) water report.

Here are a few comments on the water sample test results:

- J Total phosphorus was 0.0268 mg/L (26.8ug/L). The phosphorus was considered High (a range of 21 – 40 ug/L is considered high). In August, 2018, the total phosphorus was 0.0108 mg/L. In July, 2017, the total phosphorus was 0.00924 mg/L. This increase may be due to construction, but may also be impacted by the use of lawn fertilizers.
- J E-Coli was 4.1 and 8.5 MPN/100mL. The state standard for E-Coli is 88 MPN/100mL for designated beach areas. In August, 2017, E-Coli was 6.3 MPN/100mL.
- J Turbidity was 2.64. Turbidity is caused by suspended matter such as clay, silt and algae. A value of 2.64 is considered Moderately Vulnerable. Throughout 2017, turbidity was less than 1 with a maximum of 0.81.
- J pH was 6.42. pH range is from 0 to 14, and a value of 6.42 is considered in the Endangered Level. A value lower than 5.5 can impact fish growth and reproduction. pH ranged from 6.24 to 6.79 throughout 2017.
- J Color was 50, and categorized as tea color (a range of 40-80). In June and July, 2017, color was 30. Color degradation may be a temporary issue due to recent construction efforts.

Location for Next Year's PPA Meetings

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.

New Business

Bruce Brennan provided an update on the PPA web site; the new web page is under construction. Sharon Atwood and Deborah May have worked together to develop the new web site, and it is expected to go live soon. An email to the PPA will be distributed once Tom Cotzin, a son to Dave and Hazel Cotzin, passed on August 17, 2018 in DeFuniak Springs, Florida. Dave and Hazel are long standing members of the PPA. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Dave and Hazel. Here is a link to Tom's obituary:

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/ledgertranscript/obituary.aspx?n=thomas-milton-cotzin&pid=190129663>

Marshall Cain volunteered to coordinate a regatta for next summer. This is another great opportunity to bring members of the PPA together. Feel free to contact Marshall if you're interested in helping to coordinate the effort.

Meeting Adjourned

Attachments

2018 Fall Treasurer Report

2018 Water Report

Property Owners in Attendance:

Dan Blanchette	113 Lower
Bruce Brennan	202 Upper
Marshall Cain	27 Middle
Diane & Chris Gaudet	190 Upper
Sandy & Ron Heim	216 Upper
Brett Kivela	210 Upper
Josie & Dan Nason	151 Lower
Steven Oikelmus	48 Middle
Nancy Redling	190 Lower
Glenn & Mary Ellen Severance	185 Lower
Bill Symonds	200 Upper
Diane Tardiff	119 Lower
Dwayne White	120 Upper
Joe Woodworth	174 Upper