

Stocker Pond Association
Notice of Annual Meeting
2005

Date: Saturday, September 3, 2005 at 10:00 AM (Labor Day Weekend)

Location: At the home of Deb and Thain Allan, 125 Stocker Pond Rd., Grantham (603-863-7426)

Our annual meeting will again be held on Labor Day Weekend. We are calling the meeting to order at 10:00 AM hoping that this will be more convenient to all of you and take less time away from your weekend activities. Hopefully, you'll plan to join us, but, if not, we urge you to please send back your completed proxy and dues payment of \$10.

Agenda

Call to Order

- Introductions and Greetings to new members
- Reports of the Secretary/Treasurer
- Old Business
- New Business
 - Water Quality Report
 - Milfoil Sign
 - To vote on a proposal to install suitable equipment at the outlet to enable the residents to monitor and maintain consistent water levels in the pond.
 - Weed Watchers
 - Other new business

Please mail your proxy and dues payment to:

Thain C. Allan
PO Box 1544
Grantham, NH 03753

Stocker Pond Association
Proxy Ballot 2005

Print Name: _____ Date: _____

() Will Attend () Will not Attend Signature _____

The undersigned acknowledges receipt of notice and proposed agenda for the Stocker Pond Association 2005 annual meeting. The secretary is appointed as proxy holder to vote as indicated. Where there is no indication, the proxy holder will vote as seen fit on any and all business that may be presented at the meeting.

**Stocker Pond Association
Minutes of the Annual Meeting
September 3, 2005**

The Annual Meeting of the Stocker Pond Association was called to order by President Maryann Rayno at 10:00 AM, Sept. 3, 2005. The meeting was held at the home of Deb and Thain Allan, and a quorum was declared by a count 20 members represented in person or by proxy.

The minutes of the last meeting held Sept. 4, 2004 were read and accepted.

The Treasurer's report was read and accepted. Total receipts since the last report were \$253.14 and expenses were 103.10 for a current balance of \$701.82 plus the current balance of \$4,269.59 held in an 11 month certificate of deposit at the Sugar River Savings Bank. Treasurer/Secretary Thain Allan also reported that he held additional dues to be deposited and an outstanding bill from the Lake Sunapee Protective Association to be paid of \$122.00 for the last series of water tests.

Old business:

Committee Reports

Pat Woolson gave a very detailed report on the water condition and general health of the pond. Some of the specific measurements that showed a decline in water quality are:

- pH—our reading range between 6.3 to 7.3. State guidelines indicate that readings in excess of 5.0 to 6.0 are considered "endangered".
- Turbidity—this measures the content of matter within the water. While general turbidity within the pond keeps us within the statewide median, the reading directly from the Rt. 89 flow was dramatically above the median.
- Total Phosphorous—this is the most important measurement as it determines the ability of weeds to grow. The levels within the pond were within the "average" guideline levels. However, in past years we have been consistently within the "good" guideline levels. This was a marked increase vs. moderate increases in past years.
- Conductivity—Reading in this category ranged from a high of 280 (Rt. 89 flow) to a low of 180. This is a dramatic increase over last year's high of 158 and indicates a significant increase in salts and other minerals in the water.
- Chlorophylla—This is the measurement of chlorophyll-a which encourages weed growth. Chlorophyll levels dropped from levels that were considered more than desirable to the higher range of what is considered desirable.
- Asterionella—a new growth of this diatom was noticed for the first time in the 2004 test. This is a microscopic algae that does affect humans. We tested carefully for this in the 2005 water test.
- EColi—July water tests indicated low eColi levels of 30 at the inlet while the count at the outlet was 240. Because the state closes beaches to swimming at levels of 88, we retested at the beginning of August where the inlet tested at 22 while the outlet tested at 1.
- Weed growth—In 2001, the state conducted an aquatic plant study where they noted that weed presence in the pond was considered to be "scattered and sparse." Today, the general consensus is that the weed growth has definitely increased to "heavy and thick," particularly at the inlet.

In summary, Pat advised us that the state recommends that we expand our monitoring activities to include testing of the inlet streams and storm drains along 89 that flow into the pond. This is a very important testing that is needed during the spring runoff. Pat asked for volunteers to help with this spring test. David Rayno, David Szczesiul, and Jim Kennedy agreed to help with this project. Other property owners who have interest in lake monitoring are encouraged to join in this

important work. Those interested should contact Pat. Pat also reminded all of us that the testing expense is going up due to the increased number of tests as well as the testing costs.

Maryann Rayno provided her report from the Weed committee. Maryann reinforced Pat's observations on the weed growth around the pond and particularly at the inlet and outlet. On a positive note, there is no evidence of exotic (Milfoil) weeds in the pond and the weed growth observed are all native plants.

There was no other old business or other correspondence to be reported

New Business

Deb Allan, Jim Kennedy, and Warren Kunz were appointed to the nominating committee for the elections to be held at the next annual meeting.

Further discussion followed on the general condition of the pond, the effect of the salting and runoff from 89 and its impact on water quality. Pat Woolson advised us of her many discussions with the Department of Environmental Services, Department of Wetlands, and town officials in searching out what actions could be taken, costs, and the availability of grants or other funding. There are sources of funds, but it was pointed out that these funding sources will not pay for all the costs of any dredging or weed control programs that we might consider. It was a clear consensus from the attendees that individual property owners on the pond would need to provide the rest of the money needed to implement any program.

Upon motion duly made and seconded it was voted: To investigate and secure proposals for a program or actions designed to control weed growth, reduce silt, improve water flow, and otherwise improve the water quality of Stocker Pond and the surrounding area.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to: Authorize the expenditure not to exceed \$2,000 to pay for any required analysis, fees, or other expenditures necessary to develop the program and to appoint Pat Woolson as the project leader to investigate and prepare the resultant program proposal including the search for possible grant opportunities at the local, state, or federal level. Members interested in assisting in this project are urged to contact Maryann Rayno, Thain Allan, or Pat Woolson.

The need to continue a very thorough water monitoring program was confirmed by all attendees.

To provide funding for the increased costs of the monitoring, upon motion duly made and seconded it was voted: To increase the annual association dues to from \$10. to \$25. per year effective beginning 2006.

There was no further business and the meeting adjourned at 11:45 AM.

Respectfully submitted:

Thain Allan, Secretary/Treasurer