

Don't miss the Torsey Pond Association Annual Meeting!

Join your neighbors in preserving our precious
lake on July 9 at 10 a.m. at the Kents Hill School.

If you can't attend, please still send in your dues and proxy.

Invasive Species Update

The fight against invasive species continues at Torsey Pond. Thanks to volunteers, including the continuing efforts of Andy Zuroski, Torsey Pond continues the monitoring process with good results.

Andy e-mailed an update on invasive species from the Maine Department of Environmental Protection to board members in April. Some edited excerpts follow.

As of Feb. 25, 33 Maine inland waters are infested with invasive aquatic plants. Twenty-seven are infested with variable-leaf water milfoil (*myriophyllum heterophyllum*), two with Eurasian water milfoil (*myriophyllum spicatum*), two with hydrilla (*hydrilla verticillata*), two with curly-leaf pondweed (*potamogeton crispus*) and one with European naiad (*najas minor*). Legion Pond (Kittery) is Maine's only water body to contain two invasive plants: curly-leaf pondweed and European naiad. The latest (2010) infestations documented in Maine are Legion Pond's curly-leaf pondweed and variable-leaf water milfoil in Great Meadow Stream (Belgrade) and Purgatory Stream (Litchfield).

Salmon Lake (Belgrade): Four SCUBA surveys of Salmon Lake's Kozy Cove by DEP divers in 2010 found no Eurasian water milfoil since treating the 6-acre cove with herbicide in September 2009. According to DEP and other biologists, it is a matter of when and not if this persistent milfoil species will reemerge; however, the DEP staff and surely Salmon Lake residents are pleased to see this inevitability postponed.

2010 Courtesy Boat Inspections: The count's in: DEP reports another bumper year for this important program. The total is 72,428 inspections (15,000 more than in 2009!) and 241 plant interceptions leaving infested lakes. Forty invasive plants were removed from boats prior to entering lakes (four of which were uninfested)! Participating lake associations, volunteers and others can be assured of two things: the word's out about invasive plant prevention. Every new invasive plant caught at a boat ramp is one less opportunity for a favorite lake to become infested.

Grant Money Update: The news is good for these belt-tightening times. Cost share grants for 2011 Courtesy Boat Inspections remain at \$95,000. Plant management cost share grants are also locked in at \$70,000. Both amounts are unchanged from 2010. These funds are generated from Lake and River Protection sticker sales with limited federal support by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service



At left, Fran Zambella and Keith Coulling put the finishing touches on the new Bill Holman Dam. Above, Mike Pastore and Keith remove sandbags that held back the water during construction. Thanks to them, other volunteers and contractor Dave Harriman, the project went off without a hitch.

A big thank-you to everyone who gave time or
money to make the new dam possible!

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Dear Neighbor:

The days continue to lengthen with the official beginning of summer nearly here. Now some of our thoughts turn to those wonderful times spent in, on and around Torsey Pond.

As you start your planning for this summer, I would like to suggest three things to put on your "to do" list.

First, if you haven't done so yet, you should visit the newly renovated dam. It's very impressive. Some people expressed the opinion that it would be an eyesore, but I think it looks neat and more importantly, SAFE. To quote Wendy Dennis, "(The dam) looks so sturdy and functional and modern."

Second, please attend the annual association meeting to be held on July 9, 2011. There will be a vote taken on an amendment to our bylaws. A description of this amendment is elsewhere in this newsletter. If, for some reason, you cannot attend this meeting, then you should consider sending in your proxy. Remember, only current members of the association can vote, either in person or by proxy. Membership and proxy forms are included with this newsletter.

Third, invasive plants continue to be a real and frightening threat to all Maine lakes. Any help you can give to Andy Zuorski, either financial or by volunteering to do boat inspections, is the best hope we have to keep Torsey pristine.

Maine biologists have advised us to continue to remove any Northern Pike that we catch. My husband Tom and I release other fish that we catch, but NOT these voracious predators.

I hope your time at Torsey is healthy and most enjoyable. We are so lucky to have such a great lake to play in!

Sincerely,

Linda Lally, President

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE TORSEY POND ASSOCIATION BYLAWS

On July 23, 2010, Mark Dershwitz, Don Rahmlow and Linda Lally met with attorney Norman Rattey. Rattey strongly urged that the Torsey Pond Association adopt the following amendment to the current bylaws. The amendment will be brought before the membership at the annual meeting on July 9, 2011.

ARTICLE

Indemnification

The doing of any act or the failure to do any act by a director, officer, or member at the request of the Association, serving on a committee on behalf of the Association ("committee member"), the effect which act or failure to act may cause or result in loss or damage to the Association or its property, shall not subject the said director, officer, or committee member to any personal liability to the Association or the other members, unless the director, officer, or committee member's acts or omissions constituted bad faith, gross negligence, willful misconduct, fraud, or a material violation of these bylaws. In addition, the Association shall indemnify its directors, officers, and committee members and make advances for expenses incurred in defense of claims of liability to the maximum extent permitted under the Maine Nonprofit Corporations Act. The Association shall indemnify its other members who are not directors, officers, or committee members to the fullest extent permitted by law provided that such indemnification is first approved by the Board of Directors. The right to indemnification under these bylaws shall be fully vested with respect to any matter. No amendment to these bylaws shall have any retroactive effect except to enhance such right for the benefit of the indemnitee.

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