

Dam Facts

The ice started breaking up at the dam end April 17, the main bay on April 21, and north end on April 22. I closed the dam to allow for summer levels on April 21.

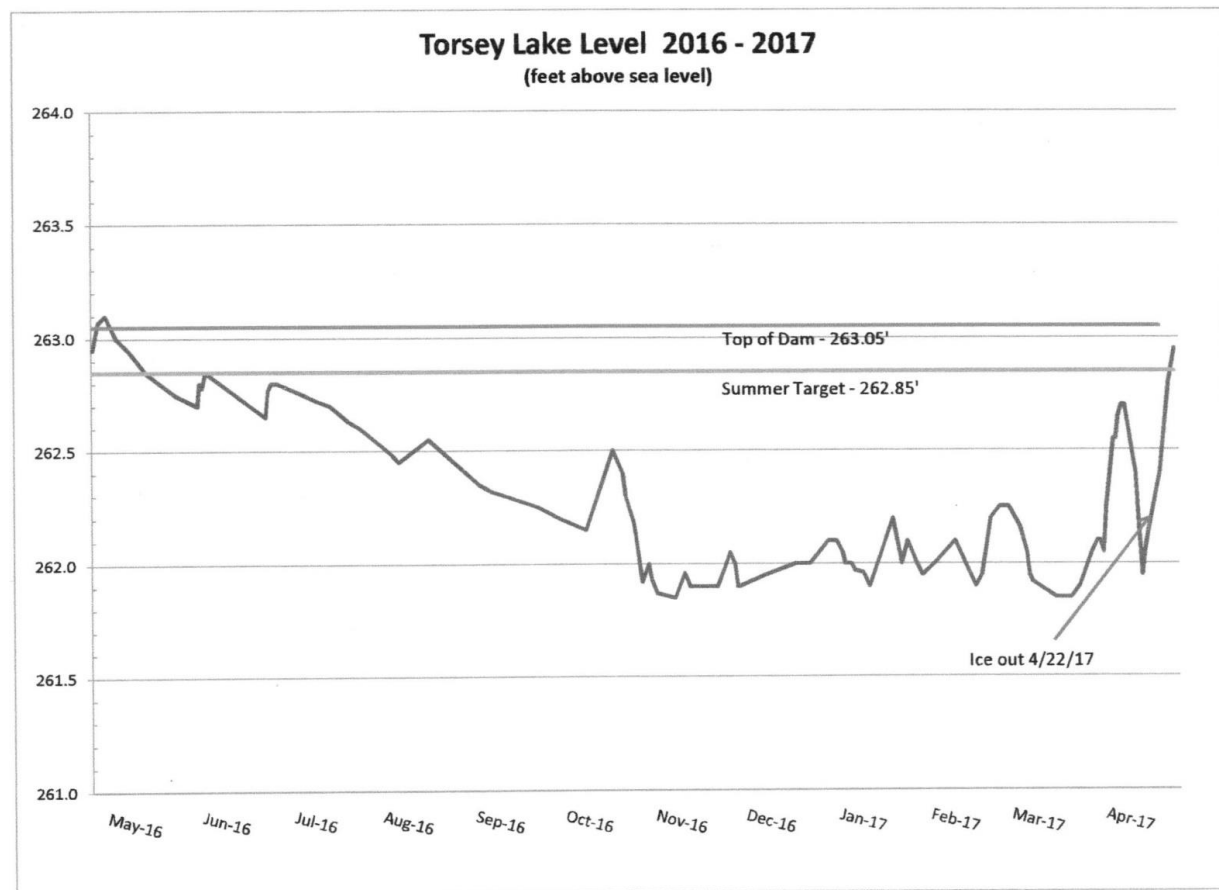
Operation of the dam continues well. We are working with the town of Readfield on getting repairs to the cracks that are in the concrete sidewalls of the dam and bridge. These cracks are not considered serious, but it is advisable to repair them for the longevity of the structure. We are targeting the summer of 2018 for the repair.

Hopefully, we will have a summer with a little more rain to minimize a recurrence of a drought like last year! You can see that by looking at the water level graph the lake steadily went down throughout the summer.

Some people had voiced some concern about the water levels later in the summer. We do have to maintain a minimal “summer flow” to prevent the stream below the dam from drying up, but evaporation had more impact on the lake level during this period of time.

Feel free to contact me at keithc@fairpoint.net with any questions/concerns about the dam.

— Keith Coulling, Damkeeper



Please visit our website at www.torseypond.org! If you would like to be added to an email distribution list for the association, please email your newsletter editor at holly@thundercastle.com. She promises not to spam you! You will be notified only about issues affecting Torsey Pond directly (such as an emergency or upcoming meeting).

We also have a Facebook page! Thanks to Alyson Ricketts, who built and is managing the page, you can connect with other residents on Facebook, so check it out!



This photo of one of the pair of loons gracing the south end of the pond was taken by Richard Rahmlow, a professional photographer from Cape Cod and your newsletter editor's brother-in-law. If you have a lake photo you think would fit this space, please email it to holly@thundercastle.com.

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Hi, everyone,

I am writing on a blustery, cool May day ... spring seems to be coming slowly this year. The ice went out on April 22, after a fairly cold and snowy winter. At one point my husband, Henry, measured 27 inches of ice on Torsey! But I know we'll be swimming in the pond before you know it.

At last year's annual meeting, Bill Monagle from the Cobbossee Watershed District gave us a preview of the report from the watershed survey, but the full report wasn't ready yet. This year the survey report is complete, and Bill will be able to make a full presentation and talk with us about some next steps we can take to continue to protect the watershed and the pond.

Also at the annual meeting we need to vote on some amendments to the bylaws that the board of directors worked on last summer. Please see the changes outlined elsewhere in this newsletter. To read the complete bylaws, please see our website: www.torseypond.org/tpa-association/.

I am excited to report that, with the help of the Friends of the Cobbossee Watershed (FOCW), we've lined up two opportunities for you and other members of the Torsey Pond community to learn more about invasive aquatic plants and how to identify them:

Milfoil 101: Wednesday, June 21, 6 to 8 p.m. at the Kent's Hill School—Dunn Science Building Biology Lab. An introduction on how to tell milfoil plants from other aquatic plants and how to look for "suspicious" plants when out on the lake. Slideshow followed by time to look at live plant samples. Please register in advance by contacting the FOCW at 207-621-4100 or tamara@watershedfriends.com.

How to Survey: Saturday, July 15, 1 to 3 p.m. Meet at the Quiet Harbor boat launch. On the water "plant paddle" to practice how to identify plants, how to take a plant sample and how to properly survey an area. Bring your kayak, canoe or paddle board. Max of 16. Please register in advance by contacting the FOCW at 207-621-4100 or tamara@watershedfriends.com.

Your support of the Torsey Pond Association is important — it takes a community to care for Torsey Pond. I hope you will all be able to join us for **the annual meeting at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 8, at the Readfield Town Office.** And please encourage your friends and neighbors to join the association and attend the annual meeting, too!

— Darcy Whittemore, TPA President

TPA ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA 10 a.m. Saturday, July 8, 2017

- Watershed survey report
- Last year's meeting minutes approval
- Vote on bylaws changes
- Treasurer's report
- Officer elections
- Q & A

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

Annual Treasurer's Update for 2016-17

Ending balance July 8, 2016		
	General Fund	\$5,103.46
	Dam Maintenance Fund	\$2,500.00
	Coryell Scholarship Fund	\$3,490.00
Total Revenue		\$11,093.46
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2016-17 Revenue		
74 member donations		\$2,350.00
Coryell Scholarship Fund		\$3,490.00
Total		\$2,690.00
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2016-17 Expenses		
State of Maine (change of agent)		\$15.00
VLMP 2016 membership		\$100.00
Maine Lakes Society 2016 membership		\$200.00
Two buoys and supplies		\$611.92
State of Maine annual corporation filing		\$35.00
Coryell Scholarship to Connor Ireland		\$500.00
Coryell Scholarship to James Serbalik		\$500.00
Total Expenses		\$1,961.92
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Ending balance May 8, 2017		
	General Fund	\$6,491.54
	Dam Maintenance Fund	\$2,500.00
	Coryell Scholarship Fund	\$2,830.00
Total Balance		\$11,821.54
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2016-17 Additional Approved Expenditure		
Watershed survey		\$3,600.00
2017-18 Expected Expense		
Maine Lakes Society		\$200.00
VLMP membership		\$100.00
Two scholarships		\$1,000.00
	Future Expense Total	\$4,900.00

— Keith Coulling, Treasurer

Proposed Bylaws Amendments

Article 5, Section A.: the first sentence shall be amended to read, "The business of the Association shall be governed by a board of a minimum of nine, and a maximum of fifteen, directors elected at the annual meeting."

Article 5, Section C. 1.: the following portion shall be deleted, "...and notice of such meetings shall be posted at least three days prior to the meeting in some public place."

Article 6, Section B.: the following sentence shall be deleted, "A notice shall also be posted in some public place, at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting."

Article 6, Section B.: the following sentence shall be added, "E-mail may be used as an alternative to U.S. mail for sending notices and other materials in these bylaws with the agreement of the receiving party as long as the communication includes the current address and telephone number of the sender for purposes of verification."

Article 6, Section C.: the following sentence shall be deleted, "There shall be two votes per residential unit or building lot, but not more than two votes per family."

