

Torsey Pond Association, 32nd Annual Meeting

July 6, 2019

Readfield Town Office

Darcy Whittemore called the meeting to order at 10:05 and introduced the Board of Directors: Andrea Falaguerra, Vice President, Keith Coulling, Treasurer, Sandra Gorry, Clerk.

She then introduced this year's speaker, Susan Gallo, of the Maine Lakes Society and founder in 1989 of the Loon Project.

Clerk's Minutes

It was motioned that the Clerk's Minutes from the 2018 TPA annual meeting be accepted. The motion was seconded and passed.

Invasive Plant Prevention

Tony Pied of the Friends of Cobbossee Watershed described the efforts of the organization to curtail the spread of invasive plants within the Watershed District through monitoring, education and the Courtesy Boat Inspection project. Within the District three types of invasive plants have been identified: variable leaf milfoil present in Annabesacook Lake which is expected to cost \$350,000 over a three year period to control its spread and eradication. Eurasian milfoil and European frogbit have both been found in Cobbossee Lake. She also said that control of invasive milfoil had cost over \$1 million in the Belgrade Lakes region.

Andy Zuorski mentioned that this year volunteers helped monitor the boat launch for two weeks flanking the 4th of July. He also said that 40% of boats with out of state stickers had come from infected lakes. Vigilance remains key.

Treasurer's Report

Keith presented the Treasurer's Report that stated TPA has approximately \$8798 in the General Fund, \$6041 in the Dam Maintenance Fund, \$1197 in the Milfoil Fund for a total of \$16018. In addition, the Stanis Coryell Scholarship Fund has \$1640, and Keith recommends that 1 \$500 scholarship be awarded this year.

It was motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded and approved.

Dam Maintenance Report

Keith described the deteriorating condition of the concrete surrounding the metal sluice plates in the dam. Cracks in the concrete continue to widen as a result of the repeated thawing and freezing of the concrete during the winter. Replacing 6 inches of the damaged concrete involves installing a cofferdam, removing the concrete, and installing new concrete reinforced with rebar and a primer. The Town of Readfield is an active participant with the TPA to identify qualified vendors to perform the repairs. Following a prebid meeting attended by 6 vendors, only one vendor submitted a bid: approximately \$110,000 for the total project of which TPA would be responsible for about \$65,000. This quote was deemed excessive, so the search for a qualified vendor will continue.

It was noted that that Town of Mt. Vernon supported a warrant that pledged approximately \$6000 to help finance repairs to the Wings Mills Dam. Although the Town originally told Keith that to get a request for funds on a warrant the TPA would have to have at least 100 signatories on a petition. The TPA will attempt to convince the Select Board to eliminate the petition and have the request for funds placed directly on the warrant.

Motion

It was moved to initiate a \$75,000 fund raising campaign to proceed with repairs to the dam as described by the Dam Keeper. The final decision to accept a vendor's bid is at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

The ensuing discussion raised 2 issues: what if we were not able to raise the need money, and what if we raised more than the needed funds. These issues were left unresolved.

The motion was seconded and passed with three (?) dissensions.

Andrea Falaguerra distributed a card with varying levels of donations to each of the members of the TPA.

Officer Elections

Four Directors are up for reelection: Andrea Falaguerra, Barry Kutz, Judy Beck, David Gross. All are willing to continue to serve. Dave Roberts declined to serve another term and nominated his sister Susan Roberts. A new slate of officers was nominated – Andrea Falaguerra, President, Darcy Whittemore, Vice President, Keith Coulling, Treasurer, and Sandra Gorry, Clerk. A motion to accept the slate of Directors and slate of Officers was made, seconded and passed.

Adjournment

At 12:15 it was moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded and passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandra Gorry, Clerk