

# TORSEY POND ASSOCIATION

## Annual Meeting Minutes

July 8, 2023

1. Vice President David Gross called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. He explained that President Darcy Whittemore was unable to be here today. He asked the other officers present to introduce themselves: Treasurer Keith Coulling and Clerk Mark Dershwitz. The other directors present in the audience also were asked to stand and introduce themselves.
2. David asked Keith to introduce our speaker, Bill Monagle, the Executive Director of the Cobbossee Watershed District. A summary of his remarks is appended.
3. David asked Mark to present the minutes from last year's annual meeting. Mark said that the minutes were distributed in the TPA newsletter distributed last month and hard copies are available here. He asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Joe Field made a motion to approve the minutes. It was seconded by Susan Roberts. There was no discussion from the audience, and the motion was approved without opposition.
4. Director Andy Zuorski presented his report on the program to prevent invasive plants from entering and become established in Torsey Pond. The State of Maine has banned eleven plant species, and six are already present in Maine lakes and pond. Eurasian and variable leaf watermilfoil are the major problems. There are eleven infested bodies of water within ten miles of Torsey Pond, one-third of all of the infestations in the state. Bodies of water are assigned a vulnerability scale with 30 being low, 40 medium, and 50 high. Torsey Pond's score is 74 (extremely vulnerable) with 88 being the highest score in the state.

There are three legs to management of invasive plants: prevention, early detection, and management. The TPA attempts to prevent an infestation by performing courtesy boat inspections (CBI's) along with the Friends of the Cobbossee Watershed (FOCW), aided by the Department of Environmental Protection that awards grant monies. Early detection is performed by the FOCW that conducts plant surveys around the pond in the most vulnerable areas: the official and unofficial boat launches. We also need volunteers to survey their own shorelines and FOCW will provide training to recognize the invasive plants. What can property owners do? Encourage everyone to inspect their boats, join the TPA, and volunteer to perform CBI's at the boat launch.

Andy made the following motion: The TPA shall create an "Invasives Reserve Fund" with existing funds of \$10,000, and to spend these funds in the event that an invasive plant is found in the pond. The Invasives Reserve Fund may be increased through direct contributions, undesignated donations, transfers from any TPA fund (except the Scholarship fund), or fundraising. This fund may be used for prevention activities such as CBI and plant surveys, as needed. The motion was seconded by Susan Roberts. There was no discussion from the audience, and the motion was approved without opposition.

5. Jennifer Peasall of FOCW described how she conducts plant surveys in Lake Cobbossee that has three invasive plants. She showed survey results for Torsey Pond that look for anything suspicious. Five sites were surveyed, requiring 198 hours of time. Another survey later in the summer is planned. In addition, 162 hours of CBI's were performed last year, and no invasive plants were found on the boats.
6. Keith described how we have started placing two artificial floating loon platforms in the lake hoping that a loon will choose one to build a nest. Thus far, they have not been used. This year, there are five pairs of loons living on the lake, and four built nests.

7. Keith presented the Treasurer's report, that is appended. We collected \$4,800 in dues, \$1,390 in general donations, \$25 for the Sandra Gorry Fund, \$625 in honor of Pat Williams, \$1,300 for the Invasives Reserve Fund, \$3,650 for invasives prevention, \$787 from the Town of Readfield to support CBI's, and we earned \$373 in bank interest, for a total of \$12,950. Our expenses included \$3,588 for CBI's, \$1,762 for plant patrols, and \$10,000 transferred to the Invasives Reserve Fund.

Alan Howie made a motion to increase the amount of the scholarships awarded by the TPA to \$750. It was seconded and approved without opposition.

David asked for a motion to approve the Treasurer's report. It was seconded and approved without opposition.

8. Mark conducted the election of Directors and Officers. The terms of Directors Darcy Whittemore, Mark Dershwitz, Alan Howie, and Greg Parish are expiring, and all have agreed to be renominated. He asked for additional nominations from the floor. Susan Roberts nominated John Kingsley. Keith nominated Stephanie Donaldson.

Mark asked for a motion to approve the slate of Directors. It was seconded, and approved unanimously.

Mark proposed the following slate of Officers:

David Gross, President  
Darcy Whittemore, Vice President  
Keith Coulling, Treasurer  
Mark Dershwitz, Clerk

Mark asked for a motion to approve the slate of officers. It was seconded, and approved unanimously.

9. David thanked Alan Howie, Keith Coulling, Henry Whittemore, and Andrea Falaguerra for taking in and putting out the buoys, and Holly Ramlow for preparing the annual newsletter. David asked if there were any additional comments or questions from the floor.

Joe Field said that the application for the Fairwinds Camp was initially denied, then approved, but the applicant then withdrew the application. The property is now being offered for sale for \$2.6M.

10. David asked for a motion to adjourn and the meeting was adjourned at 11:39 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mark Dershwitz, Clerk

#### Summary of Bill Monagle's Presentation on the Lake Protection Plan

Bill is the Executive Director of Cobbossee Watershed District (CWD). He described the following time line:

- 2015: training session for watershed surveyors
- 2016: watershed survey
- 2017: preparation of watershed report
- 2020: protection plan, needed for grant application
- 2022: grant application submitted, identifying sites of severe erosion needing repair

On May 9, a steering committee met to identify potential projects. The role of the CWD is to prompt landowners to employ best practices in preventing non-point source (NPS) pollution of the lake. Once a site is identified, if the landowner agrees to pay 40% of the cost of repair, the CWD can apply for a grant from the state to pay the remaining 60%.

The FOCW has a Youth Conservation Corps to perform the manual labor of installing rip rap and planting erosion-preventing plants.

At the end of the project, Bill will prepare a report describing how much sediment was prevented from entering the water as a result of the repairs that were made.

A member asked how does one get a proposal evaluated? Bill suggested that a property owner begin by having FOCW perform a Lake Smart property evaluation to evaluate a potential problem and make recommendations for remediation.

### TREASURER'S Report 2022-2023 Jun 30, 2023

	General Fund	Sandra Memorial	Invasives Reserve	Invasives Prevention	Total
<b>Ending balance June 30, 2022</b>	\$ 11,553	\$ 11,845	\$ -	\$ 9,839	\$ 33,475
<b>2022-23 Revenue</b>					
Dues	\$ 4,800				
General Donations	\$ 1,390	\$ 25	\$ 1,300	\$ 3,650	
Donations in memory of Pat Williams		\$ 625			
2022 Readfield CBI grant				\$ 787	
Money Market Interest	\$ 373				
<b>Total Revenue</b>	\$ 6,563	\$ 650	\$ 1,300	\$ 4,437	\$ 12,950
<b>2022-23 Expenses</b>					
Paypal	\$ 53				
Website(2022)	\$ 215				
State Corporation filing	\$ 35				
Zoom annual cost(2022)	\$ 159				
Lake Stewards of Maine(2022)	\$ 100				
Maine Lakes Society(2022)	\$ 206				
Maine Audubon loon handouts	\$ 50				
FOCW CBI Inspections 2022				\$ 3,588	
FOCW Plant Patrol - majority of lake				\$ 1,762	
D&O Insurance	\$ 854				
GL Insurance	\$ 592				
Ecological Instincts(Fairwinds review)		\$ 1,415			
Watershed Newsletter Mailing	\$ 298	\$ 300			
Watershed Engineer Fee		\$ 2,513			
Chk Overdraft	\$ 10				
<b>Total Expenses</b>	\$ 2,573	\$ 4,228	\$ -	\$ 5,350	\$ 12,150
Transfer remaining Dam money	\$ 238				
Create Invasives Reaction Fund	\$ (7,500)		\$ 7,500		
			\$ 2,500	\$ (2,500)	
50% dues transfer to Invasives Prever	\$ (2,400)			\$ 2,400	
<b>Ending balance June 30, 2023</b>	\$ 5,882	\$ 8,267	\$ 11,300	\$ 8,826	\$ 34,275

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## Coryell Scholarship Fund

<b>Ending balance June 30, 2022</b>	<b>\$ 3,017.50</b>
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 2022-23 Revenue

Donations	\$ 300.00
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 2022-23 Expenses

2022 Scholarship for Claire Holman (Envir. Sci.)	\$ 500.00
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2022 Scholarship for Anna Erb (Bio)	\$ 500.00
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Total Expenses	\$ 1,000.00
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<b>Ending balance June 30, 2023</b>	<b>\$ 2,317.50</b>
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## Additional Approved Expenditures

2019 Scholarship for McKensie Freise	Not requested
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2020 Scholarship for Cole Kubicki	Not requested
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2023 Scholarship for Esme Jamison(Marine Sci)	\$ 500.00
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Future Expense Total	\$ 500.00
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Final Balance	\$ 1,817.50
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