

**The Island Pond Association  
Stoddard NH 03464  
31st Annual Meeting  
August 12, 2006**

Members of the Island Pond Association (IPA) met at Stoddard Town Hall at 6:00PM for a potluck supper, program and meeting. After dinner, Geoffrey Jones, Chairman of the Stoddard Conservation Commission and Director of Land management for the Protection of New Hampshire forests provided a presentation titled "Conserving the Robb reservoir Property and Other Protected Land." He indicated that the acquisition by the Trust for Public Land of this 1,617-acre parcel provides a critical connection between more than 40,000 acres of existing conserved land in the region and provides numerous benefits to the area. He encouraged attendees to help raise the necessary funds to conserve this important property.

Following Geof's presentation, President Bob O'Brien called the meeting to order at 8:00 PM. Bob asked if there were any additions or corrections to minutes distributed prior to the meeting. With none heard, a motion was made and carried to accept the minutes as written.

Bob O'Brien asked if there were any comments or questions regarding the Treasurer's report, also distributed prior to the meeting. The report indicated that the Association had a cash balance on hand of \$963.92 at the beginning of the period, receipts of \$591 primarily from dues, and expenses of \$452.07. As of August 12, 2006, the balance on hand was \$1,102.85. Bob asked for a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as submitted and the motion was approved.

Don Flemming provided a brief report on the Lake Host program, a NH Lakes Association program which guards against the spread of invasive aquatic weeds from lake to lake. Three paid lake hosts and several additional volunteers who donate "in-kind" service time are administered and managed by Don and Paula Flemming locally. At Island Pond, our lake hosts do a thorough check on boats from infected lakes but no problems have been found so far but a save was made at Highland Lake earlier this year.

Don also indicated that VLAP water testing for e-Coli, water clarity, etc. has been on-going as usual this year with two tests done so far and one scheduled for August 18<sup>th</sup>. Results so far indicate no unusual trends or reasons for concern. A member asked if water testing includes tests for volatiles (petrochemicals and related substances) and Don answered that this was not tested for by the State to our knowledge. Geof Molina, who also participates in the VLAP program, said he would check with the State on this. Results for testing that has been done based on June and July testing, are summarized at the end of this report.

Paula Flemming provided a status report regarding Weed Watching. She indicated that she had received one report of a potential invasive weed this year but it turned out not to be a problem. She encourages members to report any suspected invasive weeds.

Bob recognized Don and Paula Flemming for their volunteer work in and around Island Pond.

Bob reminded us of the relatively new boating certification law. A person under 16 years of age may not legally operate a vessel powered by more than 25 horsepower unless he or she is accompanied

by a person 18 years of age or older who has a valid Safe Boater Education Certificate. Enacted in 2002, this is being phased in by birth date over time. This year (2006), operators born after 1/1/1963 must complete the course which may be done on-line or through one of the boating associations.

Bob also reminded members not to feed the geese because of the mess and pollution they cause. He also mentioned that there is a \$50 fine for feeding ducks and geese.

Bob indicated that the Board had met earlier in the year and recommended contributions in the amounts of:

- \$125 to New Hampshire Lakes Association (required for participation if the Lake Hosts program)
- \$100 to the Robb Reservoir fund
- \$50 to the Stoddard Fire Department
- And up to \$25 for upkeep of the flowers at the boat launch.

These amounts were moved, seconded and carried unanimously.

Bob presented the slate of Officers recommended by the Board: Bob O'Brien as President, Harriet Beckwith as Vice President, Leslie Grady as Treasurer, and Geof Molina as Secretary. A motion to approve the slate of officers was made and approved unanimously.

As for new business, Bob mentioned that Stoddard Selectmen John Halter was investigating and moving toward fulfilling requirements that would allow property owners to apply for National Flood Insurance Coverage. He also reported that work would likely be done on the Highland Lake dam starting in October 2007 and indicated that questions have been raised and concern expressed regarding implications for Island Pond. It was suggested that the Board gather as much information as possible on the project and potentially invite a person to discuss it with us at next year's presentation.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45PM.

### **VLAP Water Testing Results Year to Date (YTD 2006, June and July only)**

Volunteers: Don Flemming and Geof Molina

- Phosphorus testing is for nutrients that allow algae to grow. YTD results were "average" but close to "good."
- Chlorophyll A tests for actual presence of algae growth. YTD results were "good" for June, and "slightly more than desirable" in July.
- E-coli is a test for bacteria. Results for both June and July were low (2-10) well below the State maximum for swimming.
- PH testing is for acidity, and if too high negatively impacts fish. YTD results were "satisfactory."
- Secchi Disk testing, a measure of water clarity yielded a 3.0-meter result, "good" for the depth of our pond.
- Turbidity (suspended matter), another measure of clarity, was right at the State median.