



Saturday Pond Watershed Association

40 Ridgewood Terrace

Otisfield, Maine 04270

SPWA Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes - May 21, 2022

Attendees: Ellen Attaliades, Bill Bramswig, Amy Brown, Susan Haber, Sue LaFleur, Robin Nureck, Eric Williams, Will Young, Julie Ywoskus

- **November 2021 Fall Planning Meeting Minutes - Julie Ywoskus:** Minutes were reviewed and approved
- **Treasurer's Report – Amy Brown:** Amy reviewed the Treasurer's Report
 - Balance: \$1786.34
 - Membership: There are currently 59 members
 - Dues: We have collected \$670 in dues and \$200 in donations since July 2021
 - Payments: Annual web hosting fee (approximately \$140) and \$100 donation to LSM
 - We approved \$100 for a locking box to keep treasurer documents for Amy
 - Treasurer's report was accepted
- **Watershed Updates:**
 - **Wildlife:** Various wildlife sightings so far this spring include a pair of loons, a pair of Canadian geese and 4 babies, ducks, mink, bald eagle, owls
 - **Ice In:** December 7, 2021. **Ice Out:** April 4, 2022
- **SPWA Organizational Needs:**
 - SPWA Trustees for FY 2023 were accepted: Susan Haber – President, Steve Markarian – Vice President, Amy Brown – Treasurer
- **Saturday Pond Water Conditions:** Spring 2022 Water Quality Report: Steve Markarian
 - All results are normal (phosphorus, etc.)
 - Water level is normal for this time of year
 - Do we do any testing of pollution coming from properties around the lake? This was done during the water survey in 2008; the natural berm around the lake protects it
 - Should we perform another survey of pond properties again soon? Survey of pond properties takes lots of work
 - Invasive plant surveyors this summer: Amy Brown, Sue LaFleur, Julie Ywoskus
- **Watershed Association Communication**
 - **Newsletter - Content Ideas:**
 - Article about Saturday Pond written by Steve Markarian's friends
 - Boat wake size and boating safety article
 - Lake runoff tips/ water gardens? Articles on the website; guest speaker from DEP?; Presidents letter and newsletter – rain gardens?; talk about at annual meeting; volunteers to put in rain garden; Julie and Amy pictures of gardens?
 - Pointers to SPWA website
 - Articles should be to Bill Bramswig by June 15
 - **Publication:** Date of newsletter mailing – July 10. Eric Williams will email Bill updated member mailing list
 - **Jet Skis:** Jet skis are not permitted on Saturday Pond according to Maine state law. It is enforced by the state game warden and is punishable by fine.

- **History:** In 1999, Maine allowed lakes to set jet ski limits; a petition stating that SPWA members did not want jetskis was submitted to selectmen and to the state.
 - **Action:** We will order and post weather-durable “no jet ski signs” at Pondview ramp and Sam’s landing; a Pondview member will fix the chain
- **Annual Meeting:** Sunday, July 24, 2022 10 AM in person or zoom TBD

By: Julie Ywoskus