

Saturday Pond Watershed Association

40 Ridgewood Terrace

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## **Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes – November 14, 2021**

Attendees: Ellen Attaliades, Bill Bramswig, Amy Brown, Jerry Haber, Susan Haber, Will Young, Julie Ywoskus

- 2021 Annual Meeting Minutes: July 2021 Annual Meeting minutes were reviewed and accepted
- Treasurer's Report Amy Brown:
  - **Current Balance**: Current balance is \$1637.34 + \$70
    - SPWA has received \$590 in dues and \$90 in donations
    - Newsletter is biggest expense (about \$400)
    - All other costs are same
      - Web Domain Registration 5 years paid in past so didn't have to pay this year
      - Change of agent/clerk to Amy
      - \$100 donation to LSM
  - Current SPWA Members: There are currently 59 SPWA members, including 2 new members
- Watershed Updates:
  - Wildlife: We have recently seen bufflehead ducks, loons, deer, owls, otters/minks
  - **Dam:** There is no new information regarding the dam
  - Ice In/Out: Members (including Amy, Ellen, Bill, Robin, and Julie) will monitor and report ice in and ice out dates
- Watershed Information:
  - Water Conditions / Water Testing Steve Markarian
    - **Phosphorus:** The phosphorus level was great
    - **Clarity:** Water clarity is okay; may be a little lower because of the large amount of rain we had
  - Invasive Plant Survey Amy Brown: Susan LaFleur, Julie Ywoskus, and Amy monitored invasive plants in Saturday Pond throughout the summer. No invasive plant life has been identified in the pond. There has been some shifting and /or spreading of native plants. "Baby bladderwort" has moved in the center cove. There may be more plant life in general than in past years. There are fewer snails than in years past.
- Watershed Association Communications:
  - **SPWA Newsletter:** Bill Bramswig will continue to do work on the SPWA newsletter this coming year and members will continue to provide content
    - **Newsletter Content Ideas:** Ideas for newsletter content include a Saturday Pond crossword puzzle or treasure hunt, Saturday Pond questions, and boat information.
  - **Saturday Pond Boat Information:** Jerry Haber will create a brochure with previouslygathered and discussed information including types of boats, boat sizes, wake size and their effects on Saturday Pond. The information will be included in the SPWA newsletter and put on

the SPWA website and the brochures will be placed on docks this spring and possibly at the boat launch.

• **SPWA Planning Meeting:** The next SPWA planning meeting will be on Sunday, May 22 at 10am at Julie Ywoskus' house

Prepared by Julie Ywoskus