

G.P.P.O.A



Georges Pond Property Owners Association

*Paul Grant, President
Dana Shaw, Vice President
Janet Staub, Secretary
Hubene Brodie, Treasurer*

*Stuart Branch, Director
Brian Friedman, Director
Diane Fucetola, Director
Joe Jordan, Director
Kathleen Kelly, Director*

Mission Statement: We, the property owners of Georges Pond are united to: promote the protection and enhancement of the water quality of Georges Pond, preserve its ecological, economic, recreational and aesthetic value and work with members and other interested parties to monitor water quality, and promote responsible land use practices

MINUTES –August 30, 2008

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Paul Grant, President.

Paul asked for a roll call of members present.
Minutes of the August 2, 2008 read and approved.

Treasurer's Report:

- *Opening Balance: \$3004.39
- *Paid \$42.00 for Post Office Box Rental
- *Paid \$5.24 to Janet for tapes
- *Income \$125.00
- *Closing Balance \$3082.15
- *Treasurer's report accepted.

Water Quality Report:

- *Dana received a response from Brian Perkins, from University of Maine, on Thursday, August 28, 2008.
- *Samples, as we know, were taken from surface water from Georges Pond, from three areas:
 - *Sample 1- Mr. Hall's "Blueberry Suite"-was found to have 0.30 Hexazinone (aka Velpar) micrograms per liter and a Quantitation Limit of 0.1 (the current "health advisory" for this, in drinking water, is 400 ppb (parts per billion).
 - *Sample 2-Dana Shaw-was found to have 0.24 Hexazinone (aka Velpar) micrograms per liter and a Quantitation Limit of 0.1 (the current "health advisory" for this, in drinking water, is 400 ppb (parts per billion).
 - *Sample 3-Bunker's Beach-was found to have ND (or none detected at listed limit) and a Quantitation Limit of 0.1 (the current "health advisory" for this, in drinking water, is 400 ppb (parts per billion).
- * In all 3 samples, there were "below limit of detection" levels for Terbacil (herbicide) and Propiconazole (fungicide).
- *Many thanks to Mr. Hall, Dana and Joe for all their efforts.
- *Testing for any detergent residue will have to be paid for.
- *Dana made a motion to allot some money for water testing every other year.
- *Diane Jordan made a motion to use money from the treasury, maximum of \$250.00, to have the water committee have more tests done.
- *Hubene requests copies of receipts.

*Passed.

*Paul had added that the State of Maine passed a law that there are to be no phosphates in fertilizer.

Clean-Up on August 24, 2008:

- *Dana reported that group spent one hour on clean-up.
- *Dana's truck was full and took to the dump to empty FREE of charge.
- *Roberta took tires and balance of refuge to Hancock recycle center.
- *About 400-600 lbs of trash collected.
- *Many thanks to Roberta and Dana for their trucks.
- *Thanks to the 20 people who also helped with this clean-up/you know who you are.

Report on Town Beach/Boat Ramp/Town Meeting:

- *Dana went to Selectmen's meeting and brought up about port-a-potty.
 - *They felt "a port-a-potty is ugly and that it could get thrown into the lake".
 - *They said there are no laws for a public beach to have a port-a-potty.
- *Paul at next Selectmen meeting.
 - *They contacted DEP, and would be receptive if someone donated land for a parking area and then put a port-a-potty there as well.
 - *Discussion held as to possible people who might donate land for parking purposes
 - *The Beach-DEP says beach needs to be "dredged", cannot add any new sand.
- *Regarding the Boat Ramp - Selectmen said they could fix ramp, but cannot add gravel by the road because it can introduce algae to the pond.
- *Overall positive movement by Selectmen, good news.

Kayak around the Pond- Brian and Paul showed up.

Dinner at Seafood Ketch: - Grant's, Brian and Jordans went.

Barbecue - 30 people showed up, good food. Next time maybe "pot luck"?

Lake Water Level: at a comfortable level, up 10 inches since July, still at a lower level than previously, but level seems constant.

New Business:

- *Diane- To set up a time and date for Membership meetings.
- *Need to keep a constant day and time for our meetings so as to not confuse folks – suggested Saturday night at 7 pm. Officers will meet to determine exact dates.
- *Diane will send out a letter in the spring to all property owners informing them of our activities this current year and dates and plans for next summer.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Staub, Secretary