

## Meeting Minutes for Round Pond Association

### Saturday – July 6, 2019

#### Meeting came to order at 1000.

President Dick Steinhoff opened the meeting introducing the new Acton Watersheds Alliance (AWWA) Program Director, Jon Balanoff. The focus of his remarks was on AWWA capabilities to help Ivanhoe residents to protect the lake environment:

- There are opportunities to work with the Youth Conservation Corps (YCC); ongoing and completed work on Ivanhoe was mentioned
- The importance of storm water management on local lakes
- The impact of high water and wave action on Ivanhoe shoreline
- Identifying and repairing failed septic systems.
- Dearborn Road resurfacing by the Town and accommodated runoff from Acton Ridge Road

#### Secretary's Report

Sharon Coyne was unable to attend; draft Minutes were written by Dave Robinson circulated for completeness and accuracy. Minutes from the Sep 1, 2018 meeting have been available on the Association's website ([www.ivanhoeroundpond.com](http://www.ivanhoeroundpond.com)) and therefore not read at this meeting.

#### Treasurer's Report

- Income: 29 paid members; income \$285.00
- Expenses:
  - Website reimbursement to Dick Steinhoff - \$86.00
  - Current website licenses and maintenance - \$223.00
  - Planned expenses
    - Water testing - \$200.00
    - AWWA contribution - \$100.00
    - Social (July 20<sup>th</sup>) - \$200.00
- Account Balance (\$13,601.98) as follows:
  - Regular - \$1,283.60
  - Special - \$600.00
  - Checking - \$733.71
  - Certificate of Deposit - \$10,980.37

**By-Law Change.** The change proposed last fall has been posted on the Association's website; this change was approved by members attending this meeting. The proposal adopted is as follows:

*The Association shall hold one scheduled business meeting in the Spring, one on-call meeting in the Fall and one social meeting yearly as follows: a. Unless otherwise voted the previous year, the scheduled business meeting shall be held on or about the Independence Day holiday and a second, if requested, on or about the Labor Day holiday. The on-call meeting will be held if requested by a dues paying member by August 1st of that year. Time and location for these meetings will be set by the President. b. A social meeting date, time and location will be set by the Social Committee. The Association will contribute up to \$300.00 for this activity. Additional funds will only be available with Board approval. c. Special meetings may be called by the President. Committee meetings will be called by the committee chairperson.*

## Committee Reports

- **Weed Watch.** Roger Spoerry will continue to coordinate this activity. Details on areas of responsibility and volunteers are available on the Association website. Several new residents have expressed interest in participating.
- **Water Testing.** Dave Robinson reported the following:
  - 2019 testing is underway. On Jun 18<sup>th</sup>, sampling was accomplished. Preliminary testing has been compared to 2018 testing (full report on the Association website).
  - Total phosphorus and chlorophyll measurements fall within the range of last year's results. This suggests relatively stable conditions comparing current date with 2018.
  - Secchi disk measurement was visible on the lake bottom indicating clear water. However, the water does not seem clear near the shoreline as at depth at the two test sites. It is believed the high water and wave action brings debris and soil into the lake.
  - Conductivity values were higher than in 2018. This could reflect the amount of salt used on road surrounding the lake during the winter making our lake moderately vulnerable.
  - Compared to Great East, Lovell and Wilson, Ivanhoe's chlorophyll and phosphorous levels are higher by a factor of approximately 2.5. Runoff from the surrounding surfaces, human influences and Ivanhoe's lack of an outlet for flushing are principle reasons for the statistical differences. Water should turn over 3 times a season but Ivanhoe is estimated at 1.5 times.
  - Much can be done to control runoff by individual residents using YCC resources from AWWA. Also, residents should limit the use of fertilizers containing phosphorus be mindful of septic systems condition.
  - Craig Kidger raised the issue of bacteria in the lake and are we testing for its presence. We do not currently test for bacteria but will investigate drawing some samples this summer to establish a baseline. This matter will be coordinated with our UNH water testing laboratory
- **Webmaster Report.** Bob Franceschini reported all is well with the Association's website. He is looking for content from resident including pictures and other information what could be useful to residents.
- **Association Social.** Beth Luke reported this event scheduled for July 20<sup>th</sup> at the Retrosi's located at 45 Shore Road. She asked attendees to bring an appetizer, salad or dessert; hamburgers, hotdogs and drinks will be provided from Association funds. Please let Beth know if you plan to attend and what you are bringing.

## New Business

- Nominations for VP and Treasurer requested. None were received so incumbents (Dave Robinson and Jerry Luke) will continue to service.
- Dick Steinhoff provided information on several issues:
  - Runoff and drainage issues discussed with the Town of Wakefield. Dearborn Road is to be resurfaced soon after resolving drainage issues at the intersection of Acton Ridge and Dearborn.
  - There is an initiative being discussed among AWWA and other lake associations to establish a Great Wakefield Lakes Association that would allow lake residents to have unified messaging with the State and the Town of Wakefield considering area lakes and their environs. There is much issues commonality among lake residents in the area.

- Proposed change to Article IX (Treasurer) of the Association's By-Laws (stated below) will be posted on the Association's website and voted upon at the next annual meeting:  
*The Treasurer shall have custody of all the Association funds and shall pay all its bills. The Treasurer does not need prior approval for ordinary, recurring expenses such as: internet expenses, annual contribution to AWWA (\$100), expenses associated with the annual social and water testing. The Treasurer will seek approval from Association Officers for other expenses and provide a detailed report of receipts and disbursements. The President or appointee shall review the financial documentation (passbooks, CD's, expense documentation, and any other financial data) annually to ensure the Association's financial integrity. The Treasurer shall turn over all such accounts and documentation to its successor within thirty days after a successor has been elected or appointed.*

**Motion to Adjourn.** There being no further business, the meeting ended at 11:00.