

White Oak Pond Watershed Association

Incorporated

Holderness, New Hampshire 03245

WHITE OAK POND WATERSHED ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING

August 29, 1982

President Harold Taylor called the meeting to order at 4:15 a.m. Twenty-four persons attended.

The President gave his report. The year had been a quiet one, resting on the outcomes of previous activities in behalf of such matters as the design of the dam, the limits and quality of land development, etc. He then called on Bill Perry, Secretary, for his report. (Attached)

It was moved and VOTED to accept the Secretary's Report.

The Report of the Treasurer (attached) was then presented by Mary Perry in behalf of Rita Reardon showing a present cash balance of \$1,015.79. In particular she remarked on the donations of the Coxboro Road Invitational Tennis Tournament in 1981, and again in 1982. Also, Mrs. Perry referred to the donation of Ruth Knapp in 1981 to start a Save the Swamp Fund.

It was VOTED to accept the Report of the Treasurer.

Paul Whitman then presented the Report of the Conservation Committee. He had met as planned with Dick Blair regarding conservation of the swamp and the issue surrounding the private ownership of its underwater areas. In view of his observation of the values the various owners felt for these lands, it would not be feasible to attempt to acquire the lands or persuade all owners to donate them to a conservation trust. Instead, he felt that existing regulations regarding wetlands should be sufficient for the preservation of the swamp on the understanding that the effectiveness of these regulations depend wholly on the active concern and vigilance of the whole community.

He then gave an account of the extensive efforts of the Fire Department to locate and control a fire which burned for several days on Camilla Kemple's Island on the Pond. The fire resulted from an unextinguished camp fire. He exhibited a new floating pump to be used for fires near a shoreline. Mr. Whitman called for education of young and old as the best measure in fire prevention: fires started in wooded land may smoulder in the ground causing forest fire. Paul's dramatic story of the efforts of the Holderness firefighters to reach the island gave us a vivid picture of the stamina and teamwork displayed by this group in the service of community protection.

Discussion then became general. In response to further questions regarding Lamb Swamp, President Taylor read from Dick Blair's memorandum emphasizing the rule prohibiting filling below the 580 feet level. Paul Whitman added the observation that much of the upper reaches of the swamp held water well above 580 feet. He pointed to the need to attend to aquifers upon which wells depend.

Tink Taylor referred to the Town Conservation Commission's booklet on Wetlands. Plans were made to make the booklet available to members at the Library and to provide the Board of Directors with a copy. Copies of this excellent survey and classification of wetlands and their vegetation are obtainable at the Town Hall at \$2.50. Numbers of identifications in the Inventory refer to lots on the Town Tax Map.

Roger Wicksman spoke for the Water Committee. It is believed that some Milfoil is evident in the Pond. Positive identification should be obtained from Dr. Reginald DeWitt, Chairman of the Water Quality Committee of Squam Lakes Association. Paul Whitman reported on the rapid rise of water after draining for the dam and on improved conditions at the dump. He also called attention to the so far remarkable capacity of the Pond and of Squam Lake, to remain on the neutral to alkaline side despite measurable acid rain. Pat Blair described the volunteer monitoring program active in Squam Lake.

The President then asked Tink Taylor to bring the meeting up to date regarding Air Force low-level flights known as YANKEE II MOA. About 15 organizations had banded together to request hearings and restrictions from FAA. Two such hearings were held with resulting compromise reported in the Loon Flyer (attached). A telephone number for calling in complaints is included.

The members expressed interest in WOPWA's participation with the other organizations involved.

It was moved, seconded and VOTED that the White Oak Pond Watershed Association express its interest in the careful monitoring and review of the use of the area as a military operations area for training in low level tactics for A10 aircraft.

The President was asked to write a letter addressed to the New Hampshire Congressional Delegation, stating the interest of the Association in the community effort to monitor these flights. Copies were to be sent to FAA Regional Administrator, Burlington, Massachusetts; Mr. Gordon Bunker, N.H. Aeronautics Commission; to Mr. Don Dana, Chairman of Selectmen; Mr. Tink Taylor, Chairman of the Conservation Commission. A copy of this letter is attached.

The President then called for the report of the Nominating Committee.

The Secretary to the Committee, Mary Perry, then reported that the Committee has proposed the following single ballot:

For:	President	PAUL WHITMAN
	Vice President	HAROLD TAYLOR
	Secretary	WILLIAM PERRY
	Treasurer	RITA REARDON

For:	Directors	HAROLD HYDE
		RICHARD LOVETT
		RICHARD PETERSON
		BERTRAM PULSIFER
		ROGER WICKSMAN

She reported a mail return of twenty-four votes in favor, none opposed.

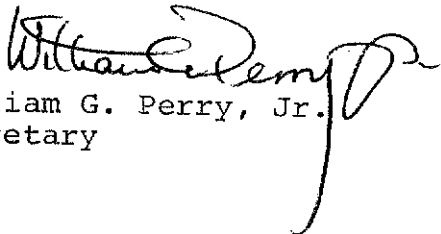
It was moved, seconded, and VOTED that the Committee's Report be accepted and the slate elected as proposed.

Sidney Lovett then moved that the Association put on record its gratitude to Harold Taylor for his labors in the Presidency, and for the excellence and tact of his many letters to individuals and organizations in behalf of the interests of the Association. The resolution was seconded and unanimously VOTED.

President Whitman then called for a meeting of the Board to be held one week hence.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


William G. Perry, Jr.
Secretary

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE WHITE OAK POND WATERSHED ASSOCIATION

1983

Directors elected for a first term of two years in 1982:

Paul Whitman	President
Harold Taylor	Vice President
William Perry	Secretary
Rita Reardon	Treasurer
Harold Hyde	
Richard Lovett	
Richard Peterson	
Bertram Pulsifer	
Roger Wicksman	

Directors elected for a first term of two years in 1983 to insure rotation of officers as stipulated in By-Laws:

Woolsey Conover
John Hanlon
George Levin
Edward Stevenson

Standing Committees appointed by the President at Board of Directors Meeting September 1982

Nominating Committee

Sidney Lovett, Chairman

Harold Hyde

Janice Whitman

Mary Perry, Secretary to the Committee

Conservation Committee

Blake Ireland

Mary Perry

Richard Peterson

Bertram Pulsifer

Harold Taylor

Paul Whitman

Roger Wicksman, Chairman

Water Committee

Constitutes a sub-committee of the Conservation Committee concerned with water quality and water level.

Water Level

Paul Whitman

Water Quality

Blake Ireland

Harold Taylor, Sub-committee Chairman

Roger Wicksman