

## **Saturday - September 3, 2016 Meeting**

### **Meeting Minutes for Round Pond Association**

President Dick Steinhoff brought the meeting to order at 10:00

The minutes from the July 2, 2016 meeting is on the association website:

[invanhoeroundpond.com](http://invanhoeroundpond.com)

Dick Mageary gave his Treasurer's report: The Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

Account balances are:

Regular	\$1,587.47
Special	\$709.51
CD	\$11,077.57
Total	\$13,374.55

A copy of the entire report is uploaded to the RPA website.

#### **Old Business**

Lake Outflow:

The state has identified the mean high water mark at 597.9 feet above sea level. That is about 3 feet higher than the present lake level. The state also identified the natural outflow as near lots 9 and 10 on Round Pond Road.

There are three property owners from whom we would like to get permission to cross their property for the sole purpose of having an engineering study conducted. The study would be for an engineering design, only. Two out of three property owners have given consent and the third will be approached soon. Funding would have to be obtained for the design phase, but there could be some grant money available for the construction phase. Our state officials may help direct us at that point.

The only outflow is through groundwater.

Article 12 of bylaws

The bylaws are on our website. Dick Steinhoff read his proposed changes mostly about meeting dates and frequency and the lake social RPA sponsors.. A motion was made to approve and the motion passed.

Weed Watch Committee

The state weed-watch program runs from June to October. A request was made for some additional volunteers. There were no exotic aquatic plants identified this summer.

## Water Quality

Lake Ivanhoe is located in the Salmon Waterfall watershed. The majority of water entering the Lake is runoff from the surrounding properties; very little water comes from springs under the Lake. A substantial water flow naturally comes from Perkins Hill and culverts along the road bearing that name. However, when the area last experienced flooding rains, changes in the culvert (rocks added by the Town of Wakefield) were near Acton Ridge road to divert water into the surrounding wetlands that subsequently empty into the Scribner Brook that parallels Wansor Road to the west and eventually enters Great East Lake. This diversion essentially cut off water from Perkins Hill entering the culvert going under Acton Ridge beside the Bettencourt property. This provided a large water volume during heavy rain storms. The culvert barriers can be removed in whole or in part when we choose to allow Perkins Hill water to enter Lake Ivanhoe. We believe the Town of Wakefield will assist as we desire.

Water samples are taken three or four times annually. The state sends people here to collect the samples from the same spots each time. Someone from the association accompanies the state officials. Water is checked for nutrients, clarify, nitrogen, oxygen. The analysis is done in Durham.

Dave Robinson advised that for the last 5 years, the results are relatively stable. There has been no degradation. The concerning news is our phosphorous level is on the edge. Phosphorous enters the lake when water runs down our properties directly into the lake. Water coming off our soil contains phosphorous. We have had 3 samples this year and the 4<sup>th</sup> is planned for next Tuesday. Results will be combined with what we already have and posted to our website. It will be curious to see results as the water level is so low presently. Water testing has been conducted for the last 30 years.

## Social Committee

Much thanks go to everyone who participated. Thanks to the Robinsons for use of their land. There were 51 participants. Thanks also to Stephanie and Tony Retrosi for the tee-shirts. Everyone in attendance at the social received one and the remaining are available for purchase. Donation of tee shirts

## New Business

Next year's social has been scheduled for the last Saturday in July, July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Meeting dates next year are Saturday July 1<sup>st</sup> and September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017. Meetings start at 10:00.

Next year is an election year. Terms are two years.

## Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made and passed at 10:40.