



Minutes of Annual Meeting of Friends of Wilson Pond Area, Inc. July 14th, 2007

President Dot Lamson called the meeting to order at 10:15AM, and welcomed everyone. Those present (13 individuals) introduced themselves.

Dot announced that free Water Quality posters were available.

The printed secretary's minutes of the 2006 Annual Meeting were reviewed and approved (Ron/Wayne)

The printed treasurer's report was reviewed and approved. (Lynda/Wayne)

Old Business:

- Loon Count 2006: Phyllis reported that there were 13 adult loons and one chick on Lower Wilson and 7 adults on Upper Wilson. The count this year will be held on July 21st from 7-8 A.M. Phyllis and Bob will count on Lower Wilson and Ron will count on Upper Wilson. Volunteers are welcome. It was remarked that the water level affects the nests. Phyllis reported on her conversation with N.H. Audubon about building a loon platform. We need to monitor the loons during the summer to see where the pairs are so that we do not place a platform too close to a nesting area. Notify Phyllis at the end of the summer. Last year Dave Larsen and Bill Zeller built a loon island and placed it in the northwest cove near Loon Island. It is still there, although it has not yet been used, perhaps because the human scent remained. The eagles' nest in Upper Wilson fell down but they seem to be rebuilding in the Thoroughfare.
- Education Program: Last year's program, a nature walk/forestry tour through the easement, led by the Plum Creek forester, was cancelled due to severe thunder storms.
- Water Quality Testing: This tests for clarity but not potability. Frank McIver tests Upper Wilson and Maynard Russell tests Lower Wilson. Last year we paid \$ 70.00 to have the two samples tested for phosphorus. This indicates the run-off from fertilizers. Dot read the results of last year's testing: Upper Wilson .006 mg/l ppm in August and .010 in Sept., Lower Wilson .005 mg/l ppm in August and .005 in Sept. Both are lower than the EPA's maximum for drinking water. Betty commented on the effects of run-off and gravel in the ponds. She would like us to sponsor a program on shore land landscaping.

- Jet Skis: Nothing has been done since last year's meeting. This must be a vote of the town of Greenville for Lower Wilson. Dot has the names of people to contact. Diano Circo also offered to help us with contact information. Dot will follow up. Ron Walden and Kaethe Weingarten will be on the committee to get information on the process, especially in view of the projected development on Upper Wilson. Perhaps we should put a wrecked "personal watercraft" on one of the rocks?
According to Dave Larsen, restricting the size of motors would need a vote of all the associations.

New Business:

- Dot suggested that we make Wildlife Sightings a regular feature of our meetings. Members have seen rabbits, deer, mice, fox, grouse with chicks, turkeys, moose, short tailed weasels, pileated wood peckers, and otters. Members are encouraged to send photos of wildlife to Kay to be included on the website.
- Dot reported on the July 13th meeting with Mark Doty of Plum Creek. Plum Creek will be harvesting for spruce and fir in the easement area during this winter or the following one, between January and March. Also, the ATV/snowmobile trail will be relocated, but we are not yet sure if it will pass on the east or west side of Rum Mountain. The easement restricts development but not cutting or logging roads. We need to keep an eye on the cutting. They can take up to 40%. The current Plan calls for 16 shorefront lots and 16 back lots on the west shore of Upper Wilson, but any lots there will need road access. Currently there are 15 camps on the upper pond.
- Educational Programs:
 - On July 27th at 7 P.M. at the Community House, Eric Ward will present a program entitled "Wilson Pond—Past and Present" This is co-sponsored by NREC and The Moosehead Historical Society. On July 28th, Eric will lead a tour of the Wilson Stream Dam and Power House.
 - On August 6th at 7 P.M. at the Community House, Susan Gallo from Maine Audubon will present a program on "The State of Maine's Loons".
 - Next year, there will be a tour of the Easement with the Plum Creek forester on July 21st.
 - Dot is looking for other suggestions for Educational Programs which we can list in the NREC Newsletter. Ron Walden suggested Ben Heinrick from Goodwill Hinkley to do a program on Ravens or other birds. Betty Ryder suggested a program on road maintenance/erosion control/shorefront landscaping.

- Informational Booths 2007: Phyllis Courter passed around a sign-up list for volunteers to man the table at Forest Heritage Days and Fly-In.
- Campsite discussion: The five primitive campsites in the Easement do not require a reservation, but a fire permit is required to have a campfire. Some of the "Carry In—Carry Out" signs are missing. Members are encouraged to clear litter from these campsites, especially at mid-summer and after Labor Day. There was discussion about placing a Port-o-Potty at Rum Point, or building outhouses, which would require a plumbing inspection, perhaps soil testing. It was moved and seconded (Courter/Brown) that we investigate the cost of an outhouse and the necessary permissions. Ron Walden volunteered to look into what we need from Greenville. Wayne Poole will talk to Dave Thorpe in Shirley about pre-built outhouses (not wooden, which can be chopped up and burned), perhaps a new composting one, which would be low maintenance and good for the environment. Perhaps it could be purchased, and moved out during the winter.
- T-shirts: They are still available from Phyllis at \$ 10 for members and \$ 15 for non-members.
- Election of Officers: The current Board of Directors was unanimously re-elected: Dot Lamson, President; Betty Ryder, Vice President; Kay Johnson, Treasurer; Cheryl Brown, Secretary; and Phyllis Courter, Hillary Worthen, Cameron Walden, Frank McIver, Liz Burroughs, and Ron Walden (past president).
- The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl J. Brown, secretary