

**West Hill Pond Association
Annual Meeting
August 30, 2011**

The Annual Meeting of the WHPA Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:05 pm by President Sly. This meeting was held in the Sessions Conference, New Hartford Town Hall.

Members Present:

S. Sly, T. Sloss, B. Pelletier, D. Jerram, F. Galliher, and S. Osborne (representing the WH Beach Club).

T. Sloss was asked to record the minutes in the absence of Secretary J. Roberts.

Minutes:

The minutes from the 2010 annual meeting were approved as presented.

Water Rights Committee Report:

Bob Pelletier reported the dam was opened early and the pond was down 6 inches prior to the start of Hurricane Irene. This year there will be a 3 foot drawdown. The DEP advised the salmon netting will be October 3rd or 10th. We will slow down the Dam for netting. The drawdown will start at the end of September. October 15th is a must meet date for the 3 ft, so property owners can perform needed and permitted maintenance.

Emergency Operations Plan:

Bob Pelletier reported that changes were made as requested by the State DEP and finalized. This plan should be updated annually per the DEP. Bob advised he would do this.

Storm Water Run-off and Weed Management:

Lenard Engineering, Inc made a public presentation on August 11th at Brodie Park. Skip Sly noted it was pretty well attended and very informative. A follow-up with the Inland Wetlands will take place. The survey is complete and has been paid for. Weed management and the Pond Association responsibility was discussed. A policy may be needed for us to follow.

Hydrology and Hydraulics Update:

This work is close to completion per Skip Sly. The road near the dam will be used as an emergency spillway. Brush needs to be cut on the back side of the dam. LAPOA may take care of this – Bob Pelletier will take this up at their meeting next week. Work also has to be done by a mason at the dam. Bob Pelletier will also pursue this.

Treasurers/Budget Report:

Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual reports were presented and reviewed by Skip Sly. He noted that Barkhamsted did not pay their dues last year due to liability concerns. Attorney D Cusick had put together a letter in the past outlining our limited liability. Skip will be meeting with Greg Cantwell from Barkhamsted to review this subject. He also recommended the Trustee membership remain at \$450.00. The reported was accepted as presented.

Election of Officers:

Tom Sloss presented the following slate of officers to the Trustees:

President	S. Sly
Vice President	T. Sloss
Secretary	J. Roberts
Treasurer	S. Sly

He reported that all of the above will accept the positions for a term of one year. Being no other nominations from the floor, the nominees were elected unanimously.

New Business:

Steve Osborne reported the West Hill Beach Club plans to replace their boat docks next spring and are willing to give the old docks away at no charge. There are 18 – 10 foot sections and they can be floated away. They will become available October 1st. All were spoken for at our meeting as Dan Jerram from the Town of New Hartford and Frank Galliher from the Boy Scouts said they can put them to very good use.

Tom Sloss spoke of the recent passing of Phil Berger. He was a long-term member of our Pond Association and served several years as president. A memorial service is planned for Thursday 9/15/11. Details were made available.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Sloss
Acting Secretary