

June 30 2009

Attending: JRiehl, JDuane, NHitchcock, GShields, WKnittle

Guest: Dorothy Altman – GUPACA, JPortnoy

- Meeting called to order at 7.05 pm
- Altman appeared to represent GUPAC, an owner's association of abutters to Gull Pond. She was past President of GUPACA.
 - Main issue was water quality. Gull Pond owners had seen a significant increase in bottom grasses near the north shore of the pond. They were concerned that this could be due to an increase in anthropogenic pond nutrients.
 - Dr SSmith of CCNS had written a report for GUPACA about this issue. His conclusion was that the grasses were part of the normal history of the pond.
 - The issue remains unresolved.
 - GUPACA were also concerned about overuse of the pond (especially boaters) and the risk of invasive flora and fauna.
 - GUPACA has in place a program to encourage owners to move septic tanks back away from the shoreline whenever a Title V update is needed. JPortnoy noted that this will also help with PO₄ removal, trapped by the high Fe levels in the soil.
 - Programs to reduce household PO₄ use were also encouraged. A recent paper by Smith&Lee suggested that NO₃ nutrients could also be important under certain conditions. NO₃ removal or control would be expensive.
 - GUPACA has data on members well water quality plus summaries of CCNS results for Gull Ponds
- Meeting was adjourned at 8.40 pm.