

# OLD TAUNTON COLONY CLUB

## ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

May 3, 2009

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7:00 PM	Member Sign-In & Ballots	
Welcome	President, Ed Gann	* Announcement
Town Watch Update	Medford Township Police	
Treasurer's Report	See attached for written reports	
Committee Reports	See attached for written reports	
Voting Overview	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Review printed ballot and procedure</li><li>2. Procedure for filling vacant positions</li></ol>	
Nominations From Floor	Accept nominations and seconds from floor	
Candidates Address Membership	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Nominees</li><li>2. Candidates on Ballot</li></ol>	
Current issues	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Submitted questions (page 2).</li><li>2. Questions from floor.</li></ol>	
Adjourn Meeting		
Refreshments Served		
Distribution of Beach Tags & Boat Stickers		

\* Announcement: Based on nominations to be made during the course of the meeting, additional nominees beyond those whose names already appear on the ballot at the start of the meeting may become candidates. The nominations for trustees process will immediately follow the **VOTING OVERVIEW** segment. Voters wishing to wait and consider all of the candidates up for election will have an opportunity to hear candidate presentations at the time.

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<b>Submitted Questions</b>
1. What are the total to-date expenses for the litigation against the OTCC member at 1 Piney Run Road?
2. What are the total to-date expenses for the litigation against the OTCC member at 30 S. Wendover Road?
3. Why hasn't the OTCC Board kept the membership updated with the costs for its litigation against 1 Piney Run Road and 30 S. Wendover Road?
4. How much does the OTCC currently owe to the law firm of Baron & Riefberg for litigation expenses?
5. In the August, 2008 Taunton Times, it was stated that the OTCC Board is appealing the decision of the Medford Township Zoning Board concerning 30 S. Wendover Road and that the funding for the appeal is coming largely from concerned neighbors. How much money have the concerned neighbors paid towards funding the appeal?

## Treasurer's Report for the 2009 Annual Meeting - May 3, 2009

The OTCC finished 2008 with a deficit of \$4,411. This resulted primarily from two factors:

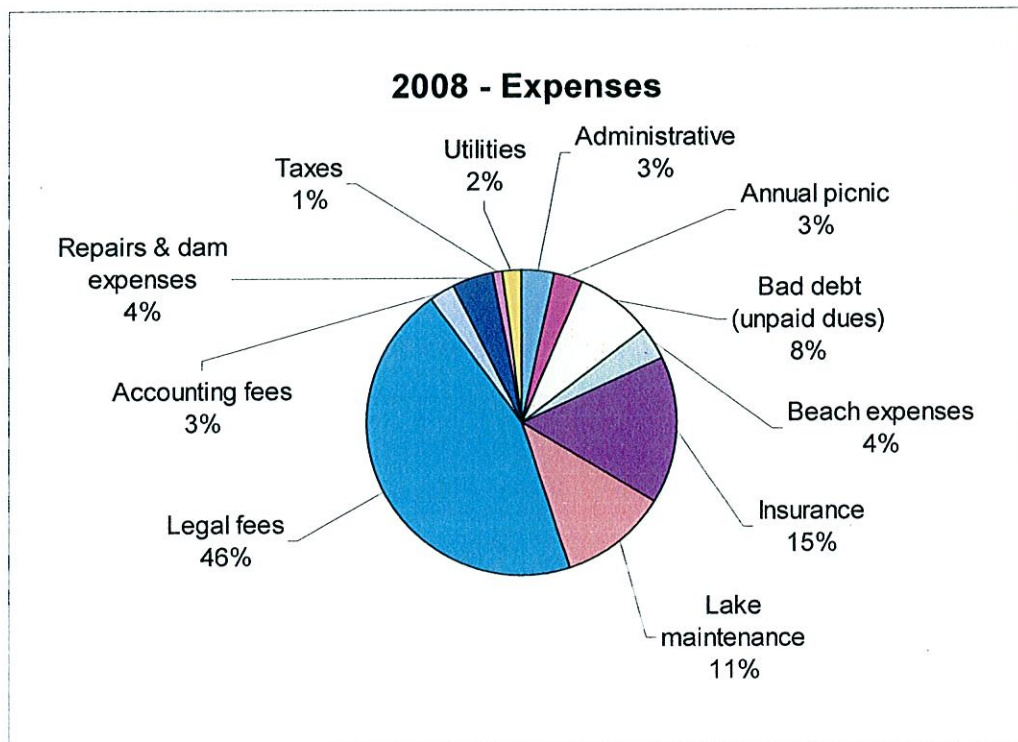
- a write-off of \$5,650 in "bad debt expense" attributable to unpaid dues by a small number of property owners. Despite the write-off, which was initiated by our auditor, the Board intends to continue pursuing collection of these delinquent amounts. At its April 2009 monthly meeting, the Board passed a resolution revoking the good standing status of all property owners two or more years in arrears, and intends to pursue additional action following the annual meeting.

- unusually high legal fees of \$31,510. Of that total, almost \$30,000 represents the cost of litigation seeking to enforce the deed restrictions governing our community. The litigation is discussed in more detail in the Legal Committee report.

Frank April, CPA, of Marlton, has conducted the annual independent audit of the OTCC's financials for the 2008 calendar year. His report is currently in draft form, awaiting the return of letters to the OTCC's bank and the State of New Jersey, seeking independent confirmation of account balances. A copy of the draft report is attached.

Dues for 2009 are unchanged from the last several years, at \$400. Of that, \$150 is placed in the reserve fund that was established four years ago to build up a reserve to pay down the \$433,000, 20-year low-interest loan that will be financing the State-mandated upgrades to our dam on Breakneck Road. The remainder funds the club's operations and provides for monitoring and maintaining the quality of the lake, upkeep of the beach and other common areas, underwriting of the annual picnic and other member events, and payment of taxes, insurance premiums, accounting and legal fees, and other administrative costs. The chart below illustrates the breakdown of expenses.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jerry Klein, Treasurer



**OLD TAUNTON COLONY CLUB, INC.**

**YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008**

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors  
OLD TAUNTON COLONY CLUB, INC.

I have audited the accompanying balance sheet of Old Taunton Colony Club, Inc., as of December 31, 2008 and the related statement of revenues and expenses, changes in fund balances and cash flows for the year then ended. These statements are the responsibility of the Association's management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit.

I conducted my audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require I plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. I believe my audit provides a reasonable basis for my opinion.

In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Old Taunton Colony club, Inc. as of December 31, 2008 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

FRANCIS J. APRIL CPA, L.L.C.

Marlton, New Jersey  
April 22, 2009

OLD TAUNTON COLONY CLUB, INC.

BALANCE SHEET

DECEMBER 31,

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ASSETS	2008		
	Operating Fund	Reserve Fund	Total
<u>Current Assets</u>			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	26,815	82,311	109,126
Assessments Receivable, Net	4,500	-	4,500
Land, Lakes, Open Areas	15,400	-	15,400
Interfund Balance	818	(818)	-
<b><u>TOTAL ASSETS</u></b>	<b><u>47,533</u></b>	<b><u>81,493</u></b>	<b><u>129,026</u></b>

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES

Current Liabilities

Accrued Expenses	10,313	-	10,313
Loan - NJDEP	-	33,387	33,387

<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b><u>10,313</u></b>	<b><u>33,387</u></b>	<b><u>43,700</u></b>
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Fund Balances

Operating Fund	37,220	-	37,220
Reserve Fund	-	48,106	48,106

<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCES</b>	<b><u>37,220</u></b>	<b><u>48,106</u></b>	<b><u>85,326</u></b>
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<b><u>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</u></b>	<b><u>47,533</u></b>	<b><u>81,493</u></b>	<b><u>129,026</u></b>
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See accompanying notes to financial statements.

**OLD TAUNTON COLONY CLUB, INC.**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES**  
**YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31,**

	2008		
REVENUES	Operating Fund	Reserve Fund	Total
Owner Assessments	42,733	21,525	64,258
Interest Income	1,777	178	1,355
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>44,510</b>	<b>21,703</b>	<b>66,213</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Administration Expenses	2,250	-	2,250
Annual Picnic	2,232	-	2,232
Bad Debt Expense	5,650	-	5,650
Beach Expenses	2,568	-	2,568
Dam Expenses	9	-	9
Insurance	10,766	-	10,766
Lake Expenses	8,016	-	8,016
Legal	31,510	-	31,510
Outside Accounting	1,965	-	1,965
Repairs	705	2,120	2,825
Taxes - Real Estate	915	-	915
Telephone - Beach	314	-	314
Utilities - Beach	1,004	-	1,004
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>67,904</b>	<b>2,120</b>	<b>70,024</b>
<b>EXCESS (DEFICIT) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES</b>	<b>(23,994)</b>	<b>19,583</b>	<b>(4,411)</b>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

OLD TAUNTON COLONY CLUB, INC.  
 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES  
 YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

	Operating Fund	Reserve Fund	Totals
Balance - January 1, 2008	61,214	28,523	89,737
Excess (Deficit) of Revenues Over Expenses	(23,994)	19,583	(4,411)
Balance - December 31, 2008	37,220	48,106	85,326



OLD TAUNTON COLONY CLUB, INC.

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31,

	2008		
	Operating Fund	Reserve Fund	Total
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:</b>			
Excess (Deficit) of Revenues Over Expenses	(23,994)	19,583	(4,411)
Adjustments to Reconcile Excess (Deficit) of Revenues Over Expenses to Net Cash Provided By Operating Activities			
Bad Debt Expense	5,650	-	5,650
<u>(Increase) Decrease In:</u>			
Assessments Receivable	(4,850)	-	(4,850)
Interfund Balance	(21,226)	21,226	-
<u>Increase (Decrease) In:</u>			
Accrued Expenses	6,088	(1,272)	4,816
Prepaid Assessments	-	-	-
<b>Net Cash Provided By (Used In) Operating Activities</b>	<b>(38,332)</b>	<b>39,537</b>	<b>1,205</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:</b>			
Proceeds from Loan - NJDEP	-	11,428	11,428
<b>Net Cash Provided By Financing Activities</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>11,428</b>	<b>11,428</b>
<b>Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>	<b>(38,332)</b>	<b>50,965</b>	<b>12,633</b>
<b>Cash and Cash Equivalents - Beginning of Year</b>	<b>65,147</b>	<b>31,346</b>	<b>96,493</b>
<b>Cash and Cash Equivalents - End of Year</b>	<b>26,815</b>	<b>82,311</b>	<b>109,126</b>

**SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURE OF CASH FLOW INFORMATION:**

Cash Paid For Income Taxes	-	-	-
Cash Paid For Interest Expense	-	-	-

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

OLD TAUNTON COLONY CLUB, INC.  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1 ORGANIZATION

Old Taunton Colony Club is a New Jersey not-for-profit organization incorporated in 1939 in compliance with the requirements of Title 15, Chapter 1 of the revised statutes of New Jersey. The Club's members include all the residential unit owners of Taunton Lake, Burlington County, New Jersey. Taunton Lake is defined as all that area encompassed by the Taunton Lake sides of Breakneck Road, Hinchman Road, Centennial Dam, Centennial Avenue and Hopewell Road and in addition, all real estate formerly the property of the Taunton Lakes Company and the house and property owned by the Larsen family that was granted use of Taunton Lake in their deed. The purpose of the Club is to provide for the maintenance, preservation and enhancement of the common facilities. At December 31, 2008 there are 152 members in the Club.

NOTE 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Method of Accounting

The Association maintains its books and records on the accrual basis of accounting. The accompanying financial statements have been prepared on that basis, in which revenue and gains are recognized when earned and expenses and losses are recognized when incurred.

Fund Accounting

The Club's governing documents provide certain guidelines for governing its financial activities. To ensure observance of the limitations and restrictions on the use of financial resources, the Club maintains its accounts using fund accounting. Financial resources are classified for accounting and reporting purposes in the following funds established according to their nature and purpose.

Operating Fund

This fund and its related cash accounts are used to account for financial resources available for the general operation of the Club.

Reserve Fund

This fund and its related cash accounts will be used to accumulate financial resources designated for future repairs and replacements of the Club, including the dam upgrade.

OLD TAUNTON COLONY CLUB, INC.  
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NOTE 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES(Continued)

Member Assessments

Members are subject to annual assessments of \$400 in 2008 to provide for the Club's operating expenses. Assessments receivable at the balance sheet date represent fees due from members. Any assessments received in advance at the balance sheet date are deferred until due and recorded as advance assessments on the balance sheet.

Statement of Cash Flow

The Club considers all certificate of deposits to be cash equivalents. At December 31, 2008 cash consists of amounts held in checking accounts and certificate of deposits at local banks.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reported period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Income Taxes

The Club is recognized for federal tax purposes as a Section 501(c)4 organization, therefore it is an exempt organization and not subject to federal taxes provided it maintains its exempt status. The Club is also considered a tax exempt entity for New Jersey corporate taxes.

OLD TAUNTON COLONY CLUB, INC.  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**NOTE 3 Concentrations of Credit Risks**

The Club does not utilize any specialized vendors, materials or equipment in the normal course of operations that would not be available from other sources at reasonably the same market price as the Association is currently paying.

The Club has, in the normal course of its business, non-collateralized assessments due from members. If members fail to make payment to the Club, the amount of loss incurred would be charged to operations in the year of write-off. Management has determined that the full collection of assessments is not realizable and therefore assessments receivable have been recorded net of uncollectible amounts at December 31, 2008 of \$5,650.

**NOTE 4 Loan - NJDEP**

The Club has entered into a loan with the State of NJ DEP for restoration work on the Taunton Lake Dam. Total loan commitment is for \$433,440, payable over 20 years bearing interest at 2% per annum on the unpaid principal balance from the date of the initial loan disbursement by the state to the Club until payment of the entire principal balance. Interest accrued against each interim drawdown of the loan, from the date of the first drawdown to a date three months following the last project drawdown, must be paid to the state three months after the final drawdown. At December 31, 2008 the Club has been advanced \$23,387 from the state.

## OTCC LEGAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE

### 2009 ANNUAL REPORT

The OTCC Legal Coordinating Committee met for the first time on November 22, 2008, working efficiently and economically under the direction of the Board of Trustees. The result, improved communication, defined responsibility and accountability, quicker review and understanding of legal documents, and greater research efficiency targeting position recommendations and response data. Committee members are: Ed Gann (OTCC President), Chair, Paul Lucas (OTCC Secretary), Jerry Klein (OTCC Treasurer), Chuck Watson, and Gerry Burke. Under the advice of counsel we are not at liberty to discuss strategy or specific details of matters in litigation, but will provide full disclosure when cases are adjudicated. An update follows regarding events that are part of public record.

#### **Old Taunton Colony Club v. Karen Carlson BUR-C-197-07**

Issue: Violation of bylaws and deed restrictions

Events:

04-17-2009 Hearing regarding Plaintiff Motion For Summary Judgement as to the Counterclaim. Decision of Judge Hogan is awaited.

04-17-2009 Hearing regarding Defendant Motion For Summary Judgement To Enforce Settlement Agreement. Decision of Judge Hogan is awaited.

Trial Dates Scheduled for March 16 - 18; rescheduled to May 26 - 28; rescheduled to May 27 and 28.

#### **Old Taunton Colony Club v. Robert Elmer, Jr. and Medford Township Zoning Board of Adjustment BUR-L-2003-08**

Issue: Zoning Board approved construction 4 feet from "Right Of Way"

Trial: Scheduled for 07-21-09 @ 10:00 AM

#### **Other Matters Not In Litigation**

11-18-08 Correspondence requesting Medford Township vacate the public right-of-way adjacent to 30 South Wendover submitted by Patrick F. McAndrew. The Board continues to vigorously oppose this previously unsuccessful request resulting in "Township of Medford Resolution 155-2005, Adopting Plan For Development Of Right-Of-Way And Authorizing Township Development Of Same" dated 09/13/05

Restoration of safe lake access via right-of-way off South Wendover completed by Township of Medford Public Works Department in April. OTCC members can again enjoy swimming, boating, fishing, and ice-skating at this picturesque location.

Respectfully submitted



Ed Gann, OTCC President  
Chair, Legal Coordinating Committee

## Welcome Committee Annual Report 2009

It has been the pleasure of the Old Taunton Colony Club Welcome Committee to welcome several new families to our community.

Upon learning of a new family in our area, the welcome committee stops by the new residence with a welcome plant, information about the Colony Club and a warm personal welcome to the area. We hope to answer any questions new residents might have and also let them know about the upcoming events in the community.

The welcome packet that is given to each new resident includes a map of Taunton Lake, a copy of the By-Laws, Lake Front and Dock Committee contacts and a welcome letter. The welcome letter includes space for the new resident to provide the club with their contact information. It also has a space where they may indicate ways in which they may be interested in becoming involved in some of our community activities.

In closing, we would like to take the opportunity to extend once again our warmest welcome to the newest members of our community.

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Hamilton & Joan Myers  
OTCC Welcome Committee

## LAKEFRONT AND DOCK COMMITTEE REPORT

### 2009 O.T.T.C. ANNUAL MEETING

The Committee oversees development along the lake front and the preservation of trees in the community.

Since the 2008 Annual Meeting there have been no serious violations of the rules under our purview. The Committee has approved the reconstruction of four docks and minor repairs to two others. No requests were denied. Eleven requests for tree removal were approved, with none having to be denied.

The conformance to the LF&D Rules and to the restrictions on cutting of trees has been particularly good, with the vast majority of members exercising restraint, and being considerate of their neighbors.

Paul Lucas – Co-chair  
Marty Hamilton  
Dick Watson  
Chuck Watson

Steve Lennon – Co-chair  
Dan Baskin  
Phil Myers

## **OTCC DAM COMMITTEE 2009 ANNUAL REPORT**

The members of the Dam Committee and Board of Trustees have continued their work to maintain our dam in a manner that complies with N.J. State standards for dam safety.

### **Prior to the flooding of July 2004 the following actions were taken:**

The Dam Committee successfully pursued dam hazard reclassification to a Class II. This reclassification lowered the design requirements for our dam, thus saving the membership tens of thousands of dollars in additional engineering and construction of dam improvements beyond what is currently proposed.

### **Inspection and updates to the Dam Operation and Maintenance Manual:**

Pennoni Associates, the low bidder and former engineering firm for the OTCC, conducted a dam inspection per N. J. Dept. of Environmental Protection's requirements for a two year "Regular Inspection". Due to the Class II designation for the dam, the NJDEP mandates that a regular inspection be performed by a NJ licensed professional engineer once every two years. The results of this visual inspection, sent to NJDEP on April 30, 2007, reaffirmed the general satisfactory/safe condition of the dam and contained no major areas of concern. However, the inspection report highlighted the need for continuing routine maintenance, including roadway drainage structures. The inspection report acknowledged the engineering work Adam, Rehmann and Heggan Associate (ARH) is conducting for the overtopping protection which is currently being reviewed by NJDEP. The Committee also completed updates of the Dam Operation and Maintenance (O&M) Manual and the Emergency Action Plan (EAP) both of which were filed with the NJDEP on April 30, 2007. Most recently the Committee updated the (O&M) Manual and the (EAP) in October of 2008; the majority of the work was done by the Committee resulting in no cost to the membership for the update. Medford Township Police have commended the Board for taking a proactive role in the Emergency Management of the dam. In accordance with NJDEP requirements the Trustees and other OTCC members have performed brush removal, filling of animal burrows, and applied Rip Rap to erosion prone areas. By not hiring contractors to complete all of the work, the Trustees have saved the membership thousands of dollars.

### **Planning for Dam Improvements**

#### Engineering Services

In preparation of the proposed dam improvements, the Board prepared requests for proposals (RFP) for surveying and engineering services for the design and construction supervision of the dam improvements. The RFPs were distributed to several civil engineering firms for competitive bidding. Three civil engineering firms responded. The Board reviewed each of the proposals based on past experience with similar projects, scheduling, and cost. The Board then selected the firm of Adams, Rehmann and Heggan Associates (ARH). ARH proposed the services that we need at lowest cost.

#### Dam Loan Agreement

The Board has taken advantage of a State program to provide low interest loans to dam owners for the purpose of making improvements to their dams. In September 2004 the Board made a timely and comprehensive submission of an application for the loan raising compelling arguments in support of its approval. In February 2005, the Board was notified by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) that OTCC was tentatively selected to receive the loan pending necessary legislative appropriations. In January 2006 the Board received the final loan agreement package from NJDEP requiring approval by the OTCC and Medford Township. The Board has worked closely with Medford Township to pass a resolution that names Medford as a co-applicant for the loan, as required by the agreement. The loan agreement has been finalized.

#### Project Status

ARH's has completed surveying the existing dam in order to prepare plans and specifications. Working closely with the Dam Committee, ARH prepared plans and specifications which the OTCC presented to Medford Township for their review and for coordination with work that the Township will be completing on the roadway. Medford Township has agreed with our proposed plans. Plans were submitted in the Fall



of 2007 to the NJDEP and the Pinelands Commission for review and permitting. It should be noted that the Dam Committee was successful in reducing the cost of the Pinelands Application fee by nearly \$2,500. The Pinelands Commission completed its review and in Feb 08 offered minor comments.

In August 2008, we received comments from NJDEP. Over the past few months the Committee along with ARH has worked with NJDEP to reduce the cost impacts of the requested changes. One of the required changes to the design will be the installation of a new headwall at the outfall of the secondary spillway. Incorporating the Township's roadway design and construction features into the final dam approval specifications will help to offset any additional costs of the headwall. Soil borings have been completed in the area of the proposed headwall, this information will be used to create the design of the headwall that when completed will be submitted to the NJDEP for review along with the other revisions responding to the initial NJDEP review. After receiving the permits, the Board will solicit bids from Contractors to perform the work. Due to the uncertainty of the NJDEP review period, construction work will not likely begin until the Fall of 2009, at the earliest. The Dam committee and Board of Trustees will be sure to update the members on the project as it progresses and dates become more certain.

Members of the Dam Committee are: Steve Lennon, Paul Lucas, Phil Myers, and Chuck Watson.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Lennon  
Chair, Dam Committee

**Maintenance Committee**

**Phil Myers**

**The benches at the beach have been restored with new wood planking.**

**The roof on the pavilion needs to be replaced. This project will be undertaken in the next couple of months. Any resident willing to help should contact Phil.**

## Architectural Review Committee Report – April 2009

During the last year, the OTCC Architectural Review Committee has received several Courtesy Notices from Medford Township regarding proposed zoning variance requests within Taunton Lake. In some instances the OTCC has also been contacted directly by OTCC members regarding their projects. This year's project types included: decks, fences and additions.

The Architectural Review Committee reviews these proposals for compliance with the requirements of the deed restrictions and bylaws. By working with the homeowner, this process helps to identify any potential problems and avoid any negative impacts to the lake before a project starts. The committee encourages all members considering construction projects to reach out to the Trustees or Architectural Review Committee early in the planning process so their project can be reviewed without delaying the work.

This year's project reviews were timely and resulted in positive recommendations to the Board of Trustees.

Committee Members: Steve Lennon, Joan Myers, Phil Myers, Brian Petitt, and Chuck Watson

Respectfully Submitted,  
Steven F. Lennon  
Chairman

# OTCC Aquatic Weed Committee Report

## **2008 Annual Report**

Presented - May 3, 2009

Each member of the Taunton community plays an important role in minimizing the adverse impacts we potentially could have on Taunton Lake. Thanks to your efforts to maintain a natural shoreline, and to minimize the discharge of nutrients such as nitrates and phosphorus into our lake, the growth of bladderwort in past years has been relatively minor and easily controlled with the use of state-approved aquatic herbicides. In 2008 the weed growth appeared fairly early in the season resulting in a treatment on June 30, 2008. This treatment was conducted throughout much of the lake (35 total acres at a cost of \$5,250.00.). An additional treatment for water lilies was made on July 9, 2008 in the area of Thannel Run (at a cost of \$175.00) where the stand of lilies had expanded making the tributary almost impassable by boat. Near the end of the 2008 swim season we again experienced relatively heavy growth but it was deemed too late in the season to justify the additional expense and application of chemicals into the lake. Great Blue, Inc. suggested that the heavy re-growth observed last fall on Taunton, as well as a number of other lakes in the area, was likely the result of several factors including: climate, low rainfall, a warm 2008 spring season, and the lack of a solid winter freeze during the winter of 2006/2007. While extremely difficult to predict, all indications point to a pretty manageable year for the 2009 aquatic weed season.

The treatment recommended by Great Blue, Inc., a NJDEP licensed pesticides applicator, includes the use of the herbicides "Reward," (or diquat) and "Nautique" (a copper complex which breaks down cell walls). This combination has been used successfully by us in past years. It is intended to control the aquatic weed, "bladderwort." Also last year for the first time in many years an effort was made to thin the growth of water lilies in Thannel Run with the application of the herbicide "Rodeo." Prior to application, we obtained copies of Great Blue's Certificate of Insurance, our DEP Aquatic Pesticide permit, and approval from the Pinelands Commission.

The use of Reward (diquat) requires only minor restrictions on our part. There are no restrictions on swimming or on the consumption of fish caught in the lake. Lake water should NOT be used for irrigation for 5 days, and should NOT be used for drinking water or for livestock watering for 3 days. Nautique poses no limitations on water use for swimming, fishing, livestock watering and irrigation. Likewise, the chemical Rodeo used last year to treat the lilies has no restrictions on swimming, consumption of fish or irrigation. As always, the community utility poles are posted prior to treatment.

This coming season, we will continue to survey the lake for weeds and treat the areas that show significant growth. The entire lake will not be treated unless deemed absolutely necessary. Again this year a team of 5 community volunteers from the water quality/weed committee will assess the weed growth status on a weekly basis throughout the summer to ensure proper and timely application of weed treatments. Their assessment will be based in large part on the recreational limitations being created by the presence of heavy weed growth.

**The committee expresses its appreciation for everything our residents do to limit weed growth by exercising environmentally sound Best Management Practices (BMPs) on their properties including the following:**

- 1) reducing the use of fertilizers, using phosphorus-free lawn care products\*, and not applying any fertilizers within 25 feet of the lake or on land that slopes to the lake;
- 2) preventing the migration of animal waste and eroded soil from entering the lake with

- runoff from precipitation;
- 3) performing proper maintenance of septic tanks with regular inspections and pumpings (once every 2-3 years); and
  - 4) maintaining a natural buffer of vegetation surrounding the lake's perimeter to act as a filter for sediment and to provide nutrient uptake.

Respectfully submitted:

Brian Petitt, OTCC Aquatic Weed Committee

\* Lowes is now carrying a national product line (Sta-Green) that is completely phosphorus-free.

Taunton Lake Water Quality Committee  
Annual Report for 2008  
Annual Meeting May 3, 2009

The beach is tested weekly during the swimming season for fecal coliform levels. Overall, the water quality was quite good for the 2008 summer season. We had no beach closings and we never exceeded the maximum level of 200. Residents are encouraged to continue to clean up after their pets, as well as not feed geese, deer or other wildlife. These actions keep pollutants and excessive nutrients out of our lake.

We continue to contract with QC Labs to do water quality testing of our lake for nitrates, phosphates, chlorophyll, and pH. High levels of nutrients and higher pH values contribute to excessive weed growth. Nitrate and Phosphorous levels in the lake remain fairly stable, and they are at levels low enough to maintain a healthy lake system. Ph levels are also fairly stable, but remain considerably higher than historical values. Residents are reminded to continue to be very careful with fertilization of lawns to prevent runoff into the lake. Water quality data and tips for maintaining a healthy lake can be found on our web site.

Submitted by Michael Gallaway

## Stormwater Management Committee Report – April 2009

The Stormwater Management Committee has been working on the following issues involving stormwater and erosion and sediment control that impact Taunton Lake.

### Hinchman Dam:

The small dam that once created a pond on property owned by the Medford Township Board of Education (BOE) located on the west side of Hinchman Road failed during the rain event of July 2004. That pond discharges into Taunton Lake. The BOE has installed hay bales to temporarily stabilize the loose soil around the dam to prevent sediment from migrating into Taunton Lake. We have been in contact with the BOE to determine their course of action. They have committed to replacing the dam. The BOE has submitted final plans to the NJDEP and Pinelands Commission for review have received their approvals. They have submitted their plans to FEMA two months ago for review, as a condition of receiving FEMA funding. Once they receive their FEMA approvals they will go out to bid for construction.

The Committee has also reached out to members that have erosion issues on their property that are affecting the lake and suggested methods of erosion control. The loose sandy soil that surrounds the lake is highly susceptible to erosion. The Committee encourages all members use natural methods of erosion control including avoiding exposure of bare soil by allowing leaves to accumulate and the use of ground cover plantings to hold soil in place.

If you have any questions or issues regarding Erosion or Stormwater management please contact a member of the committee.

Committee Members: Steve Lennon, Brian Petitt, and Chuck Watson

Respectfully Submitted,  
Steven F. Lennon  
Chairman

## Playground Committee Report – April 2009

In the fall of 2006, several residents approached the Board of Trustees with the idea of improving the playground area at the beach and possible fund raising options to complete the project. In response to their request, The Board of Trustees created the Playground Committee to assess the existing play equipment and explore what types of play equipment should be added and any methods of fundraising.

### Existing Play Equipment-

The committee reviewed the condition of existing play equipment (Swing set and Train) and has made the following improvements:

1. Train-Replaced the steering wheel on the train and reattached loose boards.
2. Swing set- Purchased and installed new vinyl coated chains and belt swings. Reapplied mulch safety surface.

### Proposed Play Equipment-

The committee recognizes that the existing play equipment provides activities for older children but does not offer safe play for younger children. The new play equipment should offer more play opportunities for younger children and should be designed to blend in with the natural surroundings of the beach area. The play equipment will be relatively small and is intended to serve OTCC residents only. As a starting point the committee generally agreed that the style and size of the play equipment should be similar to the equipment that was installed at the beach area at the nearby Sherwood Forest development.

### Funding-

The Preliminary budget for the project is \$5,000. Residents and committee members have offered to perform fundraising efforts to fund the project. The Board of Trustees has offered to fund up to \$2,500 of project. In May of 2008, several residents participated in a roadway clean up effort. For their work Medford Twp contributed \$400, which the volunteers requested be used for the Playground improvements. Committee members have also begun researching the possibility of applying for grants that are available for playground construction.

The playground project will be coordinated with other proposed beach improvements as well as the construction phase of Dam Restoration Project, which may temporarily impact the lawn area behind the beach.

Anyone interested in helping with the fund raising efforts or joining the committee should contact Liz Walsh, Co-Chairperson, Playground Committee at [Lizwalsh2@verizon.net](mailto:Lizwalsh2@verizon.net)

Committee Members: Kristeen Gaffney, Kim Hamilton, Linda Hamilton, Steve Lennon and Liz Walsh.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Steven Lennon and Liz Walsh  
Co-Chairpersons, Playground Committee



## **INSURANCE COMMITTEE REPORT - May 2009**

The OTCC is covered by "A+" rated insurance companies with several types of insurance. The amount of coverage and the premiums for 2008 to 2009 are listed below.

We have notified the insurance company that there may be a claim against our Officers' & Director insurance policy as well as our General Liability policy, resulting from the Old Taunton Colony Club v. Karen Carlson "Counterclaim".

We are expecting the total cost of the 2009 – 2010 policies to increase from the prior year due to the potential claims. Exact figures are not yet available.

### **2008 to 2009**

	<u>Premium</u>	<u>Limits of coverage</u>
Commercial Liability	\$7,310.00	\$1,000,000/\$2,000,000
Umbrella liability	\$1,699.50	\$1,000,000
Directors and Officers	\$1,199.00	\$1,000,000
Special Event (picnic)	\$557.70	\$1,000,000
Total for 2008-2009:	\$10,766.20	

Respectively submitted

Bill Walsh, Chair  
Insurance Committee