

OLD TAUNTON COLONY CLUB

ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

May 2, 2010

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7:00 PM	Member Sign-In & Receive Ballots	Ballot Box Open
Welcome	President	
Announcement	President: Based upon nominations to be made during 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 that time.	
Neighborhood Watch	Medford Township Police	
PPA	Pinelands Preservation Alliance	
Treasurer's Report	See attached for written reports	
Committee Reports	See attached for written reports	
Voting Overview	1. Review printed ballot and procedure	
Nominations From Floor	1. Accept nominations and seconds from floor 2. Motion to close nominations and second	
Candidates Address Membership (3 minute limit)	1. Nominees 2. Candidates on Ballot	
10 Minute Break	1. Ballot counters chosen 2. Call to Order – Ballot Box Closed	
Current issues	1. Address submitted questions (page 2). 2. Questions from floor.	
Announce Election Results		
Adjourn Meeting		
Refreshments Served		
Distribution of Beach Tags & Boat Stickers		

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Treasurer's Report for the 2010 Annual Meeting - May 2, 2010

The OTCC finished 2009 with a surplus of \$17,206. This surplus is the first step in rebuilding the Club's (non-dam related) reserves that were depleted over the past two years by costs attributable to two court cases seeking to enforce the deed restrictions that govern our community.

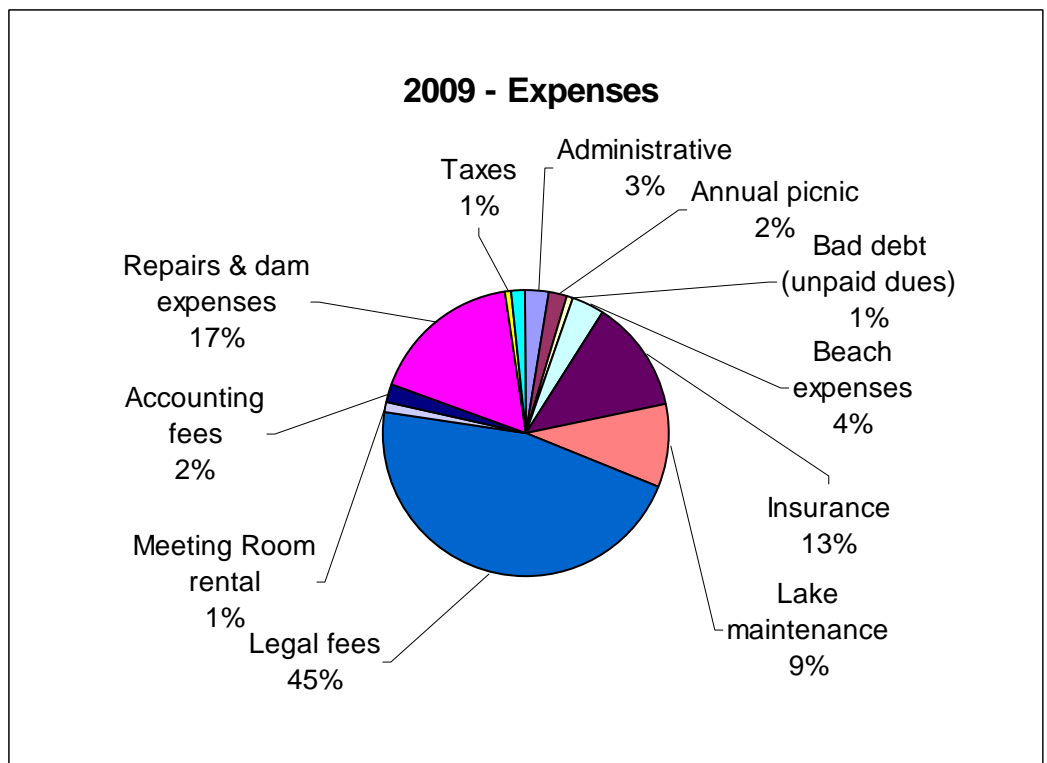
One of those cases was concluded at the end of 2009 with the court ruling in OTCC's favor. The other case was remanded by the court to the Zoning Board in early 2010. Based on the issues raised by the OTCC, the Zoning Board reversed its earlier decision. The cases are discussed in more detail in the Legal Committee report.

The surplus was achieved as a result of the \$250 Special Assessment approved in August. The Board thanks the members of the community for their overwhelming support in paying the assessment. This was a burden that none of us wanted, but that was needed to help protect the unique environment of our lake. Also contributing to the financial turnaround were stepped-up efforts to collect past due balances.

Dues for 2010 are unchanged from the last several years, at \$400. Of that, \$150 is placed in the reserve fund that was established five 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 remaining \$250 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 for 2009.

Frank April, CPA, of Marlton, has conducted the annual independent audit of the OTCC's financials for the 2009 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.

Respectfully submitted,
Jerry Klein, Treasurer



OLD TAUNTON COLONY CLUB, INC.



YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009



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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, 2009 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, 2009 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.

 Mariton, New Jersey
April 29, 2010

OLD TAUNTON COLONY CLUB, INC.

BALANCE SHEET

DECEMBER 31,

ASSETS	2009		
	Operating Fund	Reserve Fund	Total
<u>Current Assets</u>			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	12,681	103,052	115,733
Assessments Receivable, Net	13,740	-	13,740
Land, Lakes, Open Areas	15,400	-	15,400
Interfund Balance	6,803	(6,803)	-
<u>TOTAL ASSETS</u>	<u>48,624</u>	<u>96,249</u>	<u>144,873</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES			
<u>Current Liabilities</u>			
Accrued Expenses	3,197	-	3,197
Loan - NJDEP	-	39,144	39,144
<u>TOTAL LIABILITIES</u>	<u>3,197</u>	<u>39,144</u>	<u>42,341</u>
<u>Fund Balances</u>			
Operating Fund	45,427	-	45,427
Reserve Fund	-	57,105	57,105
<u>TOTAL FUND BALANCES</u>	<u>45,427</u>	<u>57,105</u>	<u>102,532</u>
<u>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</u>	<u>48,624</u>	<u>96,249</u>	<u>144,873</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

OLD TAUNTON COLONY CLUB, INC.
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES

YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31,

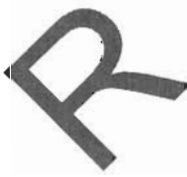
	2009		
REVENUES	Operating Fund	Reserve Fund	Total
Owner Assessments	37,134	22,866	60,000
Special Assessments	38,425	-	38,425
Interest Income	300	326	626
Miscellaneous	1,147	-	1,147
TOTAL REVENUES	77,006	23,192	100,198
EXPENSES			
Administration Expenses	2,343	-	2,343
Annual Picnic	1,657	-	1,657
Bad Debt Expense	600	-	600
Beach Expenses	2,934	-	2,934
Insurance	10,671	-	10,671
Lake Expenses	7,501	-	7,501
Legal	38,352	-	38,352
Meeting Room Rental	925	-	-
Outside Accounting	1,900	-	1,900
Repairs	-	14,193	14,193
Taxes - Real Estate	465	-	465
Telephone - Beach	415	-	415
Utilities - Beach	1,036	-	1,036
TOTAL EXPENSES	68,799	14,193	82,992
EXCESS (DEFICIT) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES	8,207	8,999	17,206

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

OLD TAUNTON COLONY CLUB, INC.
 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
 YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009



	Operating Fund	Reserve Fund	Totals
Balance - January 1, 2009	37,220	48,106	85,326
Excess (Deficit) of Revenues Over Expenses	8,207	8,999	17,206
Balance - December 31, 2009	45,427	57,105	102,532



OLD TAUNTON COLONY CLUB, INC.

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31,

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:	2009		
	Operating Fund	Reserve Fund	Total
Excess (Deficit) of Revenues Over Expenses	8,207	8,999	17,206
Adjustments to Reconcile Excess (Deficit) of Revenues Over Expenses to Net Cash Provided By Operating Activities			
Bad Debt Expense	600	-	600
<u>(Increase) Decrease In:</u>			
Assessments Receivable	(9,840)	-	(9,840)
Interfund Balance	(5,985)	5,985	-
<u>Increase (Decrease) In:</u>			
Accrued Expenses	(7,116)	-	(7,116)
Prepaid Assessments	-	-	-
Net Cash Provided By (Used In) Operating Activities	(14,134)	14,984	850
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:			
Proceeds from Loan - NJDEP	-	5,757	5,757
Net Cash Provided By Financing Activities	-	5,757	5,757
Net Increase (Decrease) In Cash and Cash Equivalents	(14,134)	20,741	6,607
Cash and Cash Equivalents - Beginning of Year	26,815	82,311	109,126
Cash and Cash Equivalents - End of Year	12,681	103,052	115,733

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, 2009 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.
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES(Continued)

Member Assessments

Members are subject to annual assessments of \$400 in 2009 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, 2009 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, 2009 of \$6,250.

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, 2009 the Club has been advanced \$109,144 from the state.

NOTE 5 Special Assessment - Operating Fund

The Board of Directors has approved a special assessment of \$250 per member to offset the legal expenses of the Club. For the year ended December 31, 2009 the Club has reported \$38,425 of special assessment revenue and is owed approximately \$8,200 from its members at December 31, 2009.

Legal Coordinating Committee Report 2010

1. OTCC v Karen Carlson and Counterclaim: The trial outcome was presented to the community on October 30, 2009, along with a copy of the "Order For Final Judgement After Trial" filed October 27, 2009. A table entitled "OTCC v Karen Carlson Tree Cutting Legal History and 09-24-2009 Trial Outcome" was included. Per page one of the Order, "...Final Judgement be and is hereby rendered in favor of the Plaintiff Old Taunton Colony Club on it's Complaint and the remaining counts of defendant's Counterclaim are dismissed with prejudice..."

2. Robert Elmer - Zoning Board Decision Appeal:

OTCC appealed the Zoning Board garage decision through the court system, the only process available for a Zoning Board decision appeal. The Honorable Judge Ronald E. Bookbinder, A.J.S.C., Superior Court of New Jersey, on 03-17-2010, remanded (sent back for further consideration) the decision to the Medford Township Zoning Board.

On March 17, 2010, the Zoning Board "Vacated" (reversed) it's previous decision due to inaccuracies in the original application. Mr. Elmer filed a revised application six days later. The Courtesy Notice For Homeowners Associations filed with the application states, "This property is subject to the rules / restrictions of the following Association(s):". The entry on that line, "Property pre dates association restrictions and rules".

A point of clarification: The Zoning Board can grant a variance on local ordinances, but has no authority regarding deed restrictions. The ZB may consider deed restriction issues, but is not obligated to do so.

OTCC filed "Old Taunton Colony Club v. Elmer" regarding enforcement of Mr. Elmer's deed restrictions found in the deed for his property.

The OTCC Board of Trustees has offered to meet with Mr. Elmer to discuss his project in an effort to negotiate a reasonable compromise. We await his response.

Welcome Committee Report

May 2, 2010

The Old Taunton Colony Club Welcome Committee is pleased to welcome new families to our community. Joan Myers and I visit with our new neighbors and let them know about some of the upcoming events, such as the annual cleanup, fishing derby and summer picnic, encouraging them to come out and meet everyone.

We provide new residents with a welcome packet that includes the historical map of the Taunton Lake tract, a copy of the By-Laws, lake and dock committee contacts, and a welcome letter. The welcome letter includes space for them to provide the club with their contact information and to indicate how they might wish to become involved in some of the upcoming events.

It is always a pleasure to greet new neighbors. Their enthusiasm for becoming members of Taunton Lake gives us a renewed sense of gratitude, for the natural beauty of our surroundings, and the many treasured friendships that we have developed as a result of being part of this wonderful community.

Linda Hamilton

Joan Myers

Old Taunton Colony Club
Lakefront and Dock Committee Report
May 2, 2010

The Committee approved repairs for several docks this year but was primarily busy with requests for tree trimming and removal due to the numerous storms we experienced throughout all seasons of the year.

The Committee encourages residents to protect and not disturb native saplings that are growing on their property to replace any vegetation that has been lost or damaged. In addition, planting of native trees and shrubs is also encouraged. The Committee is happy to help homeowners with planting selections or other information.

Attached is a partial list of native trees and shrubs that will do well in our area aside from pitch pine and oak. Many can be found at local nurseries. All can be found at:

Pinelands Nursery, Columbus NJ- 609. 291. 9486, www.pinelandsnursery.com

Deciduous Shrubs

Summersweet/ Pepperbush
Red Chokeberry
Winterberry Holly

Evergreen shrubs

Mountain Laurel
Bayberry
Inkberry Holly
Rhododendron

Deciduous Trees

Red Maple
Blackgum
Sweetgum

Evergreen trees

American Holly
Eastern Red Cedar

Paul Lucas
Steve Lennon
Co-chairs, Lakefront and Dock Committee

OTCC DAM COMMITTEE 2010 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.

Planning for Dam Improvements

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. Since that time 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 the additional costs of the headwall. Soil borings have been completed in the area of the proposed headwall, this information was used to create the design of the headwall. Revised drawings were submitted to NJDEP in July 2009. In April 2010 we received additional comments from NJDEP that were generally minor.

Drawings will be resubmitted to the NJDEP for review and approval prior to June 30, 2010.

After receiving approval and the permits from NJDEP, the Board will solicit bids from Contractors to perform the work. Due to the uncertainty of the NJDEP review period, it is difficult to speculate when the construction work will begin. 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.

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.

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.

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.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Lennon
Chair, Dam Committee

Architectural Review Committee Report – April 2010

During the last year, the OTCC Architectural Review Committee has reviewed several projects. For projects requiring variances from the Medford Twp Zoning Board, we have received Courtesy Notices from Medford Township so that we can respond to any impacts the proposed projects may have on the community. In other instances, where the project did not require a variance, the OTCC has been contacted directly by OTCC members regarding their projects. This year's projects ranged from a new home to small porch improvements.

The Architectural Review Committee reviews these proposals for compliance with the requirements of the deed restrictions and bylaws and also offers non-binding suggestions to Homeowners that may lessen impacts on the lake or adjacent neighbors. 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 nearly all resulted in positive recommendations to the Board of Trustees. We are currently working to resolve issues with a Homeowner who proposes a detached garage that is in violation of their deed restrictions.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Steven F. Lennon
Chairman

OTCC Aquatic Weed Committee Report

2009 Annual Report

Presented - May 2, 2010

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 fairly well controlled with the use of state-approved aquatic herbicides. In 2009 the weed growth appeared very light in mid June. A treatment with the herbicide Reward was scheduled for July 7, 2009. This treatment was limited to problem areas identified through weekly assessments conducted by weed committee members at a cost of \$1312.50. Also at this time, a treatment for water lilies was done in Thannel Run for \$175.00. An additional treatment for bladderwort was conducted on August 19, 2009 after heavier than usual growth was observed at a cost of \$4,012.50. In early to mid September, near the end of the 2009 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., however, was requested to visit our lake with a representative from the herbicide manufacturing company in order to assess the problem first-hand. After touring problem areas they made suggested changes to the weed management strategy to be employed in 2010.

The treatment for the 2009 season recommended by Great Blue, Inc., a NJDEP licensed pesticides applicator, included 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 second time 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) required 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 posed 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 (fishing, swimming, boating) being created by the presence of heavy weed growth. A slightly different strategy, including the use of different NJDEP-approved herbicides, will be employed this year. The details will be discussed in an upcoming OTCC newsletter.

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

Taunton Lake Water Quality Committee
Annual Report for 2009
Annual Meeting May 2, 2010

The beach is tested weekly during the swimming season for fecal coliform levels. Overall, the water quality was quite good for the 2009 summer season. We had no beach closings, but we did experience one reading over the maximum level of 200 after a large rainfall. After retesting, the levels were back below 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 2010

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 recently completed the reconstruction of their dam. The site currently has erosion control measures in place and the soil is being stabilized. We will continue to monitor the site, while vegetation is being established, to insure that any erosion does not adversely impact Taunton Lake.

General:

The Committee also encourages any resident that may have erosion issues on their property to contact the Committee for suggested methods of erosion control. The loose sandy soil that surrounds the lake is highly susceptible to erosion. Eroding soil negatively impacts the water quality of the lake. The Committee encourages all members to avoid disturbance of soils on steep slopes, and to utilize natural methods of erosion control including allowing leaves to accumulate and cover bare soil as well as installing or allowing native plantings to establish themselves to help hold soils 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

INSURANCE COMMITTEE REPORT - May 2010

The OTCC is covered by "A+" rated insurance companies with several types of insurance. The amount of coverage and the premiums for 2009 to 2010 are listed below.

As a result of the claims we filed in reference to the Old Taunton Colony Club v. Karen Carlson, OTCC has been reimbursed \$7,126.86 for legal expenditures. No other claims have been filed to date.

Due to a NJ State Policy Tax increase, we are expecting a 3% increase (approximately \$325) in cost of the 2010 – 2011 insurance policies. Actual insurance costs should remain the same. Exact figures are not yet available.

2009 to 2010

	<u>Premium</u>	<u>Limits of coverage</u>
Commercial Liability	\$7,157.00	\$1,000,000/\$2,000,000
Umbrella liability	\$1,545.00	\$1,000,000
Directors and Officers	\$1,461.69	\$1,000,000
Special Event (picnic)	\$507.00	\$1,000,000

Total for 2009-2010: \$10,670.69

Respectively submitted

Bill Walsh, Chair
Insurance Committee

Annual Picnic and Fishing Tournament Report

May 2, 2010

Our Annual Picnic continues to be one of the big events of the year. It is an event that the whole family looks forward to, and even plans its vacation around. The much anticipated fishing tournament has been a major event for many years, and the kids just love it! We have games for all ages, crafts, raffles, and a greased watermelon contest that is fun for the participants and the observers as well. Swimming and a water trampoline provide many hours of relaxed fun for everyone. Tasty hamburgers, hot dogs, beer, and refreshments provided by the Board, and pot-luck side dishes and desserts provided by you, the residents, have proven to be very popular.

The real treat is the entertainment provided by our talented resident musicians. Our "name the band" contest resulted in the very appropriate name, "Iron Water." In 2009, additional entertainment was provided by several of our guests. Attendance in 2009 reached an all-time high. This year we've stepped it up a notch -- in addition to "Iron Water," we'll again have resident Bernie Sperl on the harmonica and friend Jackie on guitar. And we've added the professional 6 piece "King Richard Band" which is known for playing to standing room only crowds at South Jersey venues. The band will play into the evening with kids and adults dancing in the sand and partying into the night.

You won't want to miss this fun-filled day with your neighbors. So, mark your calendars for the 3rd Saturday in July (July 17 -- rain date July 18). Volunteers are always needed and much appreciated -- Please contact Kristen Lorenz (856-810-0117), Linda Hamilton (856-596-9683), or Joan Myers (856-988-0052) to learn how you can help and volunteer for specific tasks such as the welcome table, games and crafts, calling on local merchants for raffle contributions, setting up tents, tables and chairs, buffet help, grill cooking, or monitoring food and refreshments. Help is also needed for cleanup, tear-down, and fold-up. Many hands make light work!

The Board thanks Liz and Bill Walsh and those residents who volunteered to make the Easter Egg Hunt a success for our young egg gatherers.

We're looking forward to more community events this year whether it is a yard sale, bake sale, or something completely new. We welcome your suggestions.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan Myers, Committee Chair

OTCC Beach Committee Report

2009 Annual Report

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The beach area passed the Burlington County Board of Health inspections last summer with no deficiencies noted. One such requirement is the weekly testing for the presence of fecal coliform. We're please to report that the 2009 swim season experienced no beach closures due to high coliform counts in the area of the beach. There was one elevated count on July 27th, but the follow up test revealed the levels were back to acceptable standards. We're fortunate that our lake has so much natural vegetation along its border which discourages the geese, as they feel more secure frequenting lakes that have open, grassy shorelines. This permits them to feed on manicured lawns with minimal fear of predation. However, it continues to be of utmost importance to not feed waterfowl or other wildlife as doing so results in concentrated stormwater runoff that is high in fecal coliform and harmful nutrients that can lead to beach closings and the proliferation of nuisance aquatic weeds and algae.

The OTCC will once again hire a Beach Attendant to monitor for beach tags throughout the 2010 swimming season. All residents are asked to help out by checking beach tags and boat stickers while visiting the beach or out on the lake. Also, from approximately June 15 through September 15 a port-a-pot will be available for beach-goers. Additionally, a new emergency phone was installed in June. It provides a direct connection to emergency personnel in the event of an incident.

The annual Clean-up this past March was again a success with several dozen residents helping out. In addition to cleaning the beach area, work was also done to remove trees and other vegetation from the dam, again saving the community a considerable sum of money. Finally, we are pleased to announce that we start off this year (2010) with a beautifully restored beach pavilion thanks to resident Michael Gruender who completed the work as an Eagle Scout Project.

Respectfully submitted:

Brian Petitt & Kevin Callahan, OTCC Beach Committee