

## OLD TAUNTON COLONY CLUB

### ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA MAY 1, 2011

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
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. Questions from floor.
Announce Election Results	
Adjourn Meeting	
Refreshments Served	
Distribution of Beach Tags & Boat Stickers	

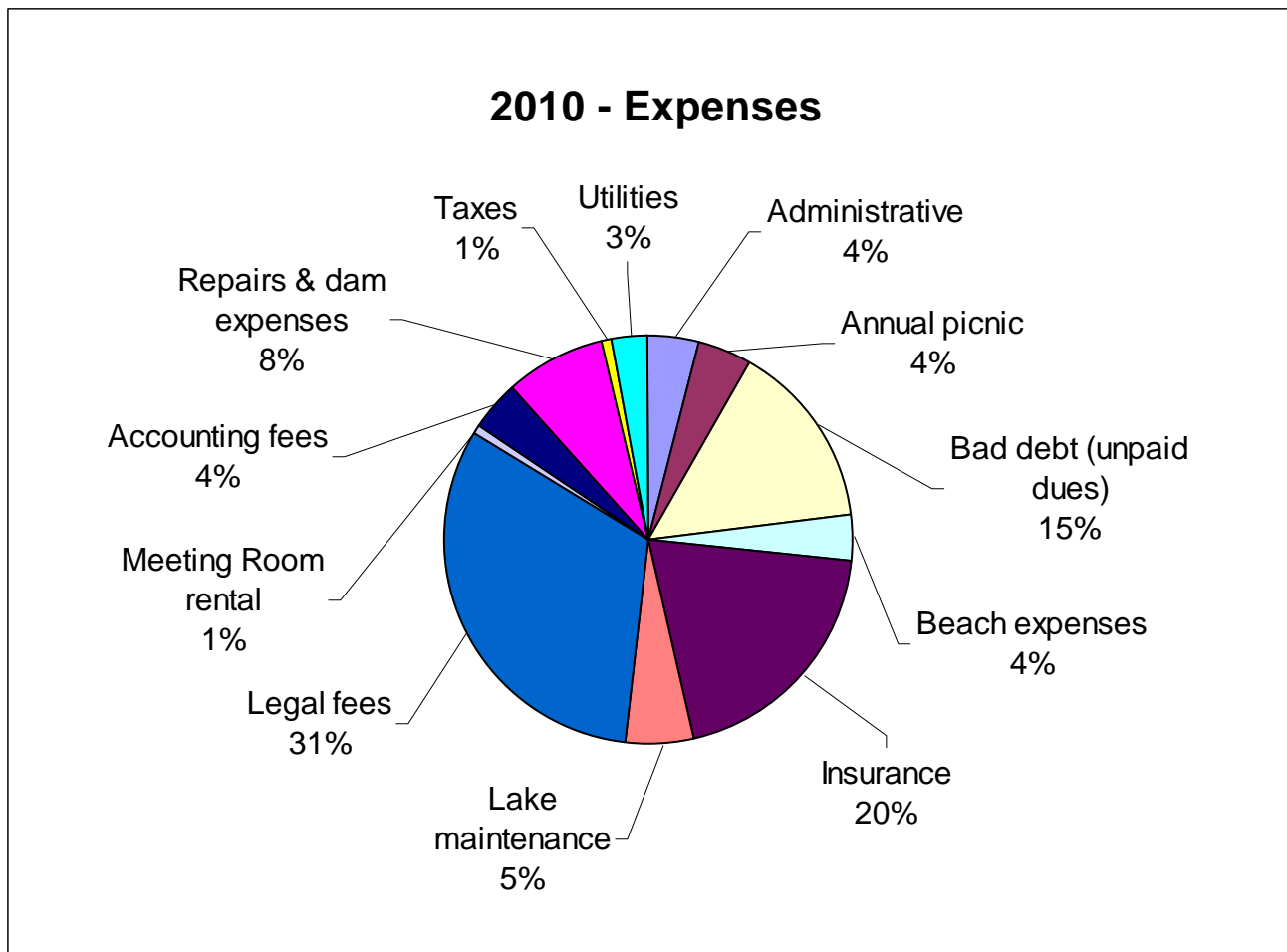
## Treasurer's Report for the 2011 Annual Meeting - May 1, 2011

The OTCC finished 2010 with a surplus of \$13,373. Expenses for the year were reduced significantly, due primarily to sharply lower legal expenses following the resolution of a court case in OTCC's favor at the end of 2009. Costs for weed treatment for the lake were also much lower, and engineering fees for the planning aspect of the dam upgrade project were lower as we spent much of the year waiting for the NJDEP to review previous submissions.

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

Frank April, CPA, of Marlton, has conducted the annual independent audit of the OTCC's financials for the 2010 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, 2010

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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, 2010 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, 2010 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 26, 2011

OLD TAUNTON COLONY CLUB, INC.

BALANCE SHEET

DECEMBER 31,

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ASSETS	2010		
	Operating Fund	Reserve Fund	Total
<u>Current Assets</u>			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	40,622	112,681	153,303
Assessments Receivable, Net	-	-	-
Land, Lakes, Open Areas	15,400	-	15,400
Interfund Balance	(11,905)	1,905	-
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>44,117</b>	<b>124,586</b>	<b>168,703</b>

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LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES

Current Liabilities

Accrued Expenses	3,424	-	3,424
Loan - NJDEP	-	49,374	49,374

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<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>3,424</b>	<b>49,374</b>	<b>52,798</b>
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Fund Balances

Operating Fund	40,693	-	40,693
Reserve Fund	-	75,212	75,212

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<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>40,693</b>	<b>75,212</b>	<b>115,905</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,

	2010		
REVENUES	Operating Fund	Reserve Fund	Total
Owner Assessments	38,552	21,448	60,000
Interest Income	29	724	753
Insurance Proceeds - Legal	7,039	-	7,039
Miscellaneous	390	-	390
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>46,010</b>	<b>22,172</b>	<b>68,182</b>
EXPENSES			
Administration Expenses	2,228	-	2,228
Annual Picnic	2,327	-	2,327
Bad Debt Expense	7,925	-	7,925
Beach Expenses	2,021	-	2,021
Insurance	10,652	-	10,652
Lake Expenses	2,873	-	2,873
Legal	17,356	-	17,356
Meeting Room Rental	500	-	500
Outside Accounting	2,000	-	2,000
Repairs	417	4,065	4,482
Taxes - Real Estate	945	-	945
Telephone - Beach	403	-	403
Utilities - Beach	1,097	-	1,097
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>50,744</b>	<b>4,065</b>	<b>54,809</b>
<b>EXCESS (DEFICIT) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES</b>	<b>(4,734)</b>	<b>18,107</b>	<b>13,373</b>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

OLD TAUNTON COLONY CLUB, INC.  
 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES  
 YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010

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	Operating Fund	Reserve Fund	Totals
Balance - January 1, 2010	45,427	57,105	102,532
Excess (Deficit) of Revenues Over Expenses	(4,734)	18,107	13,373
Balance - December 31, 2010	40,693	75,212	115,905

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OLD TAUNTON COLONY CLUB, INC.

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31,

	2010		
	Operating Fund	Reserve Fund	Total
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:</b>			
Excess (Deficit) of Revenues Over Expenses	(4,734)	18,107	13,373
Adjustments to Reconcile Excess (Deficit) of Revenues Over Expenses to Net Cash Provided By (Used In) Operating Activities			
Bad Debt Expense	7,925	-	7,925
<u>(Increase) Decrease In:</u>			
Assessments Receivable	5,815	-	5,815
Interfund Balance	18,708	(18,708)	-
<u>Increase (Decrease) In:</u>			
Accrued Expenses	227	-	227
Prepaid Assessments	-	-	-
<b>Net Cash Provided By (Used In) Operating Activities</b>	<b>27,941</b>	<b>(601)</b>	<b>27,340</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:</b>			
Proceeds from Loan - NJDEP	-	10,230	10,230
<b>Net Cash Provided By Financing Activities</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>10,230</b>	<b>10,230</b>
<b>Net Increase (Decrease) In Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>	<b>27,941</b>	<b>9,629</b>	<b>37,570</b>
Cash and Cash Equivalents - Beginning of Year	12,681	103,052	115,733
<b>Cash and Cash Equivalents - End of Year</b>	<b>40,622</b>	<b>112,681</b>	<b>153,303</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, 2010 there are 152 members in the Club.

NOTE 2 DATE OF MANAGEMENT'S REVIEW

In preparing the financial statements, the Association has evaluated events and transactions for potential recognition or disclosure through April 26, 2011, the date that the financial statements were available to be issued.

NOTE 3 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 3 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES(Continued)

Member Assessments

Members are subject to annual assessments of \$400 in 2010 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 equivalent. At December 31, 2010 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.

NOTE 4 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, 2010 of \$11,175.

OLD TAUNTON COLONY CLUB, INC.  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 5 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, 2010 the Club has been advanced \$49,374 from the state.

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Taunton Lake Water Quality Committee  
Annual Report for 2010  
Annual Meeting May 1, 2011

During the 2010 summer season Taunton lake water was tested by QC laboratories for nitrogen and phosphates, for pH content, and for fecal coliform. If nitrogen and phosphate levels get too high, the growth of water weeds and algae increases. This chokes off the oxygen and could cause the fish and other aquatic wildlife to die. The acidity level of the lake is reported as a pH value. The higher the pH, the lower the acidity. While higher acidic levels - as from acid rain -- are often a concern as they could allow other chemicals or metals in the lake to leach toxins, the natural, unspoiled Pine Barrens lake is known for its characteristically high acid (low pH), and the unique environment adapted to such conditions. Finally, fecal coliform is measured weekly along the beach area to determine whether swimming is recommended or not. The coliform test is the one most of us are aware of because it affects the use of the beach; too high a count and the beach is closed. Last year, all coliform tests came in under the danger level and most were well below levels that cause alarm so there were no beach closings. The test results for pH levels were approaching 7 which means that there was an even balance between acid and base and no cause for concern; though perhaps an indication that outside factors are causing a departure from typical Pine Barren acidic levels.

Though a pH of approximately 7.0 does not warrant concerns about swimming, it is uncharacteristic for Pinelands lakes, including Taunton Lake. Lower pH insures that species of plants and animals that we have traditionally seen will continue to thrive. A higher pH may cause a shift in the types of species that will live here.

The Taunton Lake community is well-managed to keep a lower pH, however we have a difficult time politically to encourage many neighborhoods upstream to be environmentally conscious.

The tests for nitrogen and phosphorous were also at stable levels and acceptable.

You'll notice a banner-filled rope along the water line at the beach during the swimming season. This discourages the geese from gathering at the beach and helps to keep the fecal coliform level down. This is one method, but an even more important one is not to feed the wildlife as their droppings are pollutants. Geese, ducks and deer are the common culprits, so please don't feed them. Tips for maintaining a healthy lake and the data concerning water quality can be found on our web site.

Submitted by John Palaitis

**Old Taunton Colony Club  
Lakefront and Dock Committee Report  
May 1, 2011**

The Committee approved reconstruction of several docks this year, and many requests for required tree trimming and removal.

Please remember to call a Committee member before removing a tree, even if you feel that it is obviously dead or dying. Committee volunteers are willing to expend the time necessary to maintain the community harmony that this type of mutual cooperation and respect engenders.

The Committee would like to remind members that requests for tree inspections, dock repairs, etc. should not be a last-minute consideration. This will allow our volunteers ample time to schedule and review all proposals without delaying your project.

The Committee encourages residents to protect and not disturb native saplings that are growing on their property and 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](http://www.pinelandsnursery.com)

Deciduous Shrubs

Summer sweet/ Pepperbush  
Red Chokeberry  
Winterberry Holly

Evergreen shrubs

Mountain Laurel  
Bayberry  
Inkberry Holly  
Rhododendron

Deciduous Trees

Red Maple  
Black gum  
Sweet gum

Evergreen trees

American Holly  
Eastern Red Cedar

Respectfully submitted,

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

## Legal Committee Report 2011

### Robert Elmer Garage Application

Reference Docket #: BUR-L-2003-08: Old Taunton Colony Club, Plaintiff v. Robert Elmer, Jr., and Medford Township Zoning Board Of Adjustment, Defendants.

The above was initiated as the requisite appeal process for a Zoning Board decision. On 03-17-2010, the Honorable Judge Ronald E. Bookbinder, A.J.S.C., Superior Court of New Jersey remanded (sent back for further consideration) the original Medford Township Zoning Board (ZB) decision.

On October 20, 2010, the ZB heard Mr. Elmer's variance request once more. Due to several discrepancies in measurements, the ZB continued the hearing, originally scheduled for November 15, 2010. The variance was again heard on December 15, 2010. OTCC made the Zoning Board aware of other required variances not submitted. While the ZB granted Mr. Elmer's submitted variance, the absent variances were neither submitted nor considered.

Variances related to local ordinances are within the purview of the Zoning Board. The Zoning Board is without legal authority regarding Deed Restrictions, but may consider them in their deliberations. The court will review the Zoning Board decision during the appeal process. At present a hearing date has not been announced.

The suit filed by the OTCC, "Old Taunton Colony Club v. Elmer", regarding enforcement of Mr. Elmer's deed restrictions continues.

During the entire process the OTCC Board of Trustees has offered to meet with Mr. Elmer to negotiate an acceptable compromise.

## INSURANCE COMMITTEE REPORT - May 2011

The OTCC is covered by "A+" rated insurance companies with several types of insurance. The amount of coverage and the premiums for 2010 to 2011 are listed below.

We are not expecting any significant increase in cost of the 2011 – 2012 insurance policies. Exact figures are not yet available.

There were no claims made against these policies in the past year.

### 2010 to 2011

	<u>Premium</u>	<u>Limits of coverage</u>
Commercial Liability	\$7,245.00	\$1,000,000/\$2,000,000
Umbrella liability	\$1,575.00	\$1,000,000
Directors and Officers	\$1,478.96	\$1,000,000
Special Event (picnic)	\$353.15	\$1,000,000
Total for 2010-2011:	\$10,652.11	

Respectfully submitted

Bill Walsh, Chair  
Insurance Committee

## **OTCC DAM COMMITTEE 2011 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. Proposed upgrades to the dam are required to meet the standards of New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP).

### **Current Project Status**

#### **Action taken during the last 12 months**

Drawings were resubmitted to the NJDEP for review and approval prior to June 30, 2010. NJDEP comments were received in late January 2011. The drawings are currently being revised to address NJDEP comments as well as comments previously received from the Burlington County Soil Conservation District and the Pinelands Commission.

#### **Proposed actions over the next year**

The revised drawings are scheduled to resubmitted prior to the end of June 2011. After receiving approval and the permits from NJDEP and other agencies, the Board will solicit bids from Contractors to perform the work. Due to the uncertainty of the NJDEP review period, and any additional comments we may receive it is difficult to determine when the construction work will begin. During portions of the construction work the lake will need to be lowered to a level similar to the annual spring lowering. Dates available for lake lowering are regulated by the NJDEP. We will have to coordinate the construction work with NJDEP's limiting schedule. At this time we do not anticipate that the lake will be lowered during the "summer" season. 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.

#### **Actions taken during previous years**

**2008, 2009, and 2010** - 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.

**2007**- 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.

#### **Previous 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. The loan amount is for \$433,400.00. Based on the estimated repayment schedule the total amount to be repaid (including principal and interest) is \$526,488.00. This amount may be adjusted based on date of the final draw down on the loan. The Board currently appropriates \$150.00 of each member's annual dues payment to dam reconstruction fund which will be used to repay the loan.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Lennon  
Chair, Dam Committee

## OTCC Aquatic Weed Committee Report

### **2010 Annual Report** *(presented: 2011 Annual Meeting)*

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 fairly well controlled with the use of state-approved aquatic herbicides. In 2010 the weed growth appeared very light through the month of July despite the very hot temps, low water levels and sunny weather conditions. Finally, on August 2 a survey of the lake conducted by the volunteer weed committee determined 5 areas, primarily in the coves (tributaries), where treatment was deemed necessary. On August 4, spot treatments using the herbicide Reward were conducted in only those areas by Great Blue Lake Management at a cost of \$428.00.

In 2010 an experiment was conducted in the area of Piney Run cove using the NJDEP approved herbicides Sonar and Captain. Sonar is a systemic chemical; while the herbicide we typically use, Reward, is a contact herbicide. The experiment included the periodic sampling and analysis of the water in the cove to test concentrations of the active ingredients remaining in the cove. The results revealed fairly light growth of bladderwort throughout the season. It should be noted, however, that the entire lake experienced a light growth year rendering it difficult to draw any definitive conclusions regarding the effectiveness of the systemic chemicals vs contact herbicides. The treatment for this area totaled \$572.45.

As usual, in early to mid September, near the end of the 2010 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.

The treatment for the 2011 season recommended by Great Blue Lake Mgt company, a NJDEP licensed pesticides applicator, includes the continued 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." Prior to application, we will obtain 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 periodically 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.

**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, Aquatic Weed Committee