

REPORT FOR THE THREE MILE POND ASSOCIATION

2008 – 2009

The past year has been one of investigation and work on the Pond. The Board of Directors has been meeting monthly to work on moving the Association forward by growing the membership, establishing Road Captains for better corporation of efforts around the lake, the Alewife restoration project that involves stocking Alewives, and alterations to the Route 3 culvert and outlet stream, “The Year of the Buffer Strip” for shore line property owners to help control phosphorus runoff, monitoring of inlets to the pond for identifying erosion and phosphorus problems, assisting CRLA in finding restoration projects for a 319 grant. All of this is designed to improve the quality of our water. We continue to work closely with CRLA and Maine DEP as well as other water authorities who have experience in lake management. We also have been trying to make owners aware of shore land zoning rules, and with the assistance of the code enforcement officer and DEP have tried to be aware and report violations on the Pond.

Our annual meeting this past summer was well attended, and the Association has had many people who are motivated and have new ideas. We have developed a website which also has a web cam for checking out the views on Three Mile Pond year round. Please keep checking the site for future information and updates.

(<http://www.threemilepond.org>)

The website is helping keep the membership informed with meeting minutes, and important links particularly the Phosphorus Control Action Plan completed by the DEP and enacted by the Threemile Pond Association this past year.

We would again like to thank the Town for its past support in the efforts to keep our pond clean. There is a significant portion of Three Mile Pond in Vassalboro and we are thankful that the Town is willing to work with us in the management and care of the Pond. We provide, through the funds from the Town and the grants obtained through the China Region Lakes Alliance, conservation assistance and shore line property maintenance. Also, this past year we have had Boat Launch monitors in place, paid for by our Association, to help insure that no evasive plants, such as Milfoil, come into our Pond from boaters. We have also used this as an opportunity to employ students from Vassalboro for both the Boat Launch and other Pond projects conducted by the CRLA Youth Conservation Corp. Much of this education and funding for these conservation projects would not be available without the Pond Associations and the CRLA. We have provided in the past, and continue to do so on a ongoing basis, the opportunity for landowners to gain information and funding to help improve and maintain their shorefront properties. This is beneficial for all in our Town who enjoy the recreation and beauty that the Pond provides.

If anyone is interested in becoming involved with the Association please feel free to email Rick Hayden, President of the Association at tumpa@threemilepond.org

Submitted,

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