

Worromontogus Lake Association Membership Meeting
October 19, 2007 Fox Glen Clubhouse

After a pot luck supper at 6 p.m., President Pat Williams opened the meeting of the Togus Pond Association at 6:40 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. He then introduced Augusta Councilor at Large Dave Rollins, who is a member of the Lithgow Library Building Committee, and his wife, Jan Rollins, who is a member of the Friends of Lithgow Library. Among the points made during their presentation supporting the \$6.9M bond on this year's ballot for the library expansion, were that the library has many structural issues that have to be addressed and is overcrowded and not able to accommodate its patrons, which make 140,000 visits each year.

Next, the four candidates running for the Augusta City Council were introduced. They are Paul Harris, Stan Koski (incumbent), Cecil Munson and Bill Stokes. Each provided a personal history and talked about their visions for Augusta. Harris, a member of the Planning Board, said he was concerned with the integrity of Togus Pond and has been hard on contractors building in the pond's watershed. He said that communities, counties and the state need to combine efforts to produce savings. Koski, running for his third term, based his platform on fiscal conservatism. He said that the municipal budget must be kept in check and one way to do this is through regionalization of services. Munson stressed that economic development is crucial for the city. When asked about the maintenance of private roads around the pond, he replied that he has checked all of Augusta's private roads (which by state law cannot be maintained by the city) and suggested road associations and city leaders try to reach middle ground. Stokes said it is time for residential development in Augusta so that workers in the city can find it beneficial to also live here. He agreed that property owners and the city council should continue the cooperation begun with the grant awarded to the Association with the city's support. All agreed that the water quality of Togus Pond is of utmost importance to the people of Augusta.

At 9 p.m., the candidates were thanked for their participation in the meeting and the chairman of the nominating committee, Jane Coryell, was asked for her report. First she asked the members if they would approve allowing the nominees for the board of directors to serve three years, to 2010. This year's nominees are the even-year candidates and a one-year term would not allow them to become thoroughly acquainted with the Association. (Normally, the terms are for two years.) The members approved. Nominated to the Board of Directors were Ernie Jost, Norm Higgins and Joe McVety. Nominated officers were Pat Williams, President; Dennis Curtis, Vice President; Allison Hoar, Secretary; and Betty Harvey, Treasurer. With no nominations from the floor, the secretary cast a vote for the slate of officers and board members. The Board members serving until 2009 are Dick Harvey, Jane Coryell and Ken McNeil. Thanked for their service were outgoing members Lyndon Abbott, Paul Connolly and John Nichols.

Pat reported that the grant money to fix camp roads to prevent pollution to the lake will be forthcoming in the spring.

Dick Harvey, education chairman, reported that workshops will be soon available for buffer zone instruction, fertilizers and vernal pools. He is developing a calendar of events that will be posted on a website for the Association that is being prepared by himself and Dennis Curtis. The site name was voted on and will be Togusponds.org. Dick is also heading a steering committee regarding making a small dock for the Landing.

John Andrews, Dam Chairman, reported that he will be removing boards from the dam in two to three weeks. And that No Trespassing signs will again be posted.

The membership drive for 2008 (January 1 - December 31) will have different levels of membership. The current membership amounts have not changed, but other options will be added for those who want to offer financial support to the organization beyond the basic and family membership levels. New keys to the Landing will be issued to members and the tracking of the keys will insure tighter security.

New Activities Chairman Cindy Eurich would like to hear from anyone willing to help. Coming up will be the Christmas Party and Yankee Swap on Friday, December 7.

Treasurer Betty Harvey reported \$33,496.78 as the total balance of all accounts.

Respectfully submitted,
Lea Davis, Secretary

