

**LEONARD MILL POND ASSOCIATION
AD-HOC MEETING ON POND REMEDIATION
NOVEMBER 18, 2010, 7:00 - 8:30 PM
WICOMICO COUNTY VISITORS CENTER**

Some 42 people from five neighborhoods around the pond attended this meeting with Mr. Chuck Poole, Wicomico County Assistant Superintendent of Parks (410-548-4870, cell 443-880-3449, cpoole@wicomicocounty.org). The neighborhoods and respective block captains are:

- Chestnut Hill** - Ward & Sally Lambert, 30412 Mallard Drive, Delmar, MD 21875; 410-749-1685; lambert9@verizon.net
- Danwood** - Tamara & Steve Brewer, 30507 Danwood Dr, Delmar, MD 21875; 410-749-6449, stbrewer1@gmail.com
- Holly Lake Estates** - Dr. Ray Brodie, 8599 E. Marlboro Drive, Delmar, MD 21875; 443-944-8512, rayjrmd1@comcast.net
- Pine Knoll One** - Melissa & Craig Mast, 30310 Calhoun Ave, Salisbury, MD 21804; 410-543-2365, ornurse20002000@yahoo.com
- Pine Knoll Two** - Marilyn & Andy Booth, 8402 Hilda Dr, Salisbury, MD 21804; 410-749-8963, andymarilynbooth@verizon.net

Secretary of the Association named by consensus at this meeting is D. Thomas Longo, Jr., 30424 Mallard Drive, Delmar, MD 21875, 410-742-4380, DTLongo@aol.com. Ward Lambert chaired the meeting. After a presentation by Mr. Poole and an extended question-and-answer session and discussion among the group, the following decisions were taken.

1) VEGETATION REMEDIATION AND FINANCES. Leonard's Mill Pond Association Treasurer Marilyn Booth reported that the Leonard's Mill Pond Association had \$5,992.19 in the bank remaining from previous pond remediations for which homeowners had assessed themselves. Mr. Poole reported that ca. 120 lbs. of "Sonar" herbicide would be needed to control hydrilla growth in the North Prong at a cost of ca. \$2,985.00. The County would provide labor, in June 2011, but homeowners had to pay for the herbicide. Following the herbicide application, the County recommended that homeowners not draw on pond water for irrigation purposes for a minimum of 7-10 days, up to a period of 30 days.

In addition, if desired, a less-expensive herbicide named Rodeo could be applied to surface-plant growth in the East Prong, though that area would still continue to silt-in over time. The Sonar herbicide for this purpose would cost around \$1,000.00. Mr. Poole related that regulations stipulate that only one-third of the pond can be treated in any one year. The County believes the pond is 49.6 acres, the State believes it may be smaller. Residents urged Mr. Poole for the County to work with the State to establish a firm figure on the size of the pond, perhaps with the help of an aerial survey. Mr. Poole related that under either the County's or the State's present estimates, the one-third rule would allow for treatment with Sonar of the present North Prong area afflicted by hydrilla, plus treatment of the East Prong with Sonar if desired. Mr. Poole anticipated and hoped that permitting could be obtained annually to treat successive one-third portions of the pond as remediation needs required.

In reply to a question, Mr. Poole did not know the status or location of what herbicide might be left over from previous remediation(s). Others questioned whether, even if such leftover stock were available, its useful shelf life was expired.

The group felt that while the \$5,992.19 in the bank could cover costs this time around, it was desirable to establish a continuing funding mechanism for the future. There are 50-60 waterfront houses that would be asked to participate. After discussion, D. Thomas Longo moved and Philip Lebel seconded that the waterfront properties assess themselves \$75.00 annually for this purpose. This motion was **APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**. Checks payable to the Leonard's Mill Pond Association should be sent to Marilyn Booth, 8402 Hilda Drive, Salisbury, MD 21804. While the \$75.00 was currently envisaged as an annual payment, it was understood that the dollar amount could be revisited and possibly adjusted downward or upward as the reserve builds up and as future expenditures are incurred.

Mr. Rob Sauer moved and Marilyn Booth seconded that the June 2011 North Prong remediation include Rodeo treatment of the East Prong, **APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**.

2) LOWERING THE POND FOR DOCK AND SHORE MAINTENANCE. Some residents expressed a wish for a lowering of the pond level to undertake dock and waterfront maintenance. Mr. Poole reported that the pond could be lowered each year for up to six weeks between December 31 and February 15 but a letter from the homeowners was necessary to request this. The group decided by consensus to request that the pond be lowered for three weeks from December 31, 2010. This would allow people to do maintenance hopefully before the onset of winter's coldest weather in late January-February, when it may be possible to ice skate on the pond. Mr. Steven King volunteered to write a letter to this effect to the County Administration.

3) ESTABLISHMENT OF A MEETING SCHEDULE. The group discussed that hitherto, there was no consistent schedule of meetings on pond remediation. The last such meeting was in connection with a remediation project in 2007. The group decided by consensus to conduct an annual Leonard's Mill Pond Association meeting, like this one, in November of each year.

/s/ D. Thomas "Tom" Longo, Jr.
Secretary, Leonard's Mill Pond Association