

Ashokan – Pepacton Watershed Chapter #559
Trout Unlimited
Chapter Meeting Minutes of November 7, 2019

7:00pm-Meeting called to order.

Announcements & Business

Mark L. noted that the next chapter meeting would be our annual **Holiday Party held on December 18th at 6pm at the Boiceville Inn.** There will be buffet dinner catered by the Inn and there will be no cost to attendees. The bar will be open however drinks need to be purchased by those who wish. It was noted that there would be a voluntary gift exchange. Bring a wrapped gift and receive a numbered ticket, later when the numbers are called they can be exchanged for one of the aforementioned gifts.

Mark L. noted that **Lt. Ron Hazlet** was at the meeting and repeated his thanks to those in our chapter that provided guide services to the **West Point Cadets** that had attended that fishing event that took place earlier in the fall.

It was mentioned that the fish that were lost in the **Trout in the Classroom Program** due to a power outage that affected the **Pheonicia Elementary School** were being replaced by the **Catskill Trout Hatchery.** It was further mentioned that the damaged filters and cartidges could be gotten from TU National for a modest sum.

A ***motion*** was made suggesting that we **allocate \$100.00** for the filters and elements, this was 2nded, and so passed.

7:30: Meeting adjourned for 15 minutes.

8:00pm: Robert J. Romano, Jr. presented his slide show titled FlyFishing the Rangeley Lakes Region of Western Maine

Much of this Description: was excerpted from **Ed Ostapczuk's** newsletter.

Bob Romano and his wife, **Trish**, have owned a camp in the **Rangeley Lakes Region of Western Maine** for more than thirty years. This is a region of the country where it is not unusual to come across a beaver, otter, black bear or moose while canoeing across a pristine lake or wading one of the many free flowing streams and rivers inhabited by native brook trout and wild landlocked salmon as large as you'll find south of Labrador.

His fascinating talk was quite informative as well as amusing. His program included information on where to fish, what flies to use, and when to use them. He'll also shared proven techniques to take the brook trout and landlocked salmon of this region that is known for its **rich sporting tradition.** (a favorite of the likes of **Dwight D. Eisenhower**, and top sportsmen and sportswomen of the time).

He is the author of the **Rangeley Lakes** series of novels including **North of Easie**, which won second place in the **2010 New England Outdoor Writer's Best Book Contest.** Romano's essays and short stories have appeared in various anthologies, including **Christmas in the Wild, Fresh Fiction for Fresh Water Fishing,** and **Wildbranch: An Anthology of Nature, Environmental, and Place-Based Writing.**

He writes articles for various magazines and newspapers and does his best to keep up electronically either here: **<https://www.facebook.com/forgottentrout/> or forgottentrout.com** . The tenth-anniversary edition of **Shadows in the Stream**--- a book fly-fishing essays, as well as his latest book, **The River King** was available for purchase. With each book sold, Bob provided a free handout outlining all the information one needs for a trip to the region.

Respectfully submitted,
Thom Frankel

Having heard the passion, authority and humor with which **Bob Romano** spoke, I have little doubt that his books would wounderful reads.