

**Parker Pond Association Annual Meeting**  
**July 17, 2016, 6:00 pm**

Attended by 42 adults and 2 kids

President Marty Arnold called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. This meeting may be Marty's last after 37 years, as he will be living full time in Pennsylvania.

**30 Mile Watershed**—Lidie Robbins

The boat launch on Tower Road, owned by the Town of Vienna, was in very rough shape after the winter. 30 Mile planned a fix and it was completed by the Youth Conservation Corps. The annual paddle trek will be happening in a few weeks. 30 Mile has been participating in watershed water quality interviews, in collaboration with University of Maine, Maine Department of Environmental Protection, and others.

**Water Quality**—Deb Cayer

Temperature and dissolved oxygen in Parker Pond have been sampled periodically over the years. The secchi depth (a measure of water clarity) in June was 9 meters, which is very good. Data from Parker Pond is available on the websites of 30 Mile Watershed and the Maine Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program.

Comments from Gerry on the green "dots" in the lake: they are a natural cyanobacteria (blue-green algae) that secrete a toxin that some people are sensitive to.

**Lake Usage**—Dan Onion

Planned improvements to the King Brook culvert on Sandy River Road may help with smelt habitat. There have been boat launches at Quimby Lane the last 5-6 years; PPA membership is required and boats are inspected for invasive plants.

Island Stewardship: the State appreciates the PPA stewardship of the State-owned islands in Parker Pond. Several islands have tent sites. The State is OK with keeping the cabin on Loon Island if it is maintained. Volunteers are needed.

**Stewardship**—Maggie Chadwick

Amanda Smith will be taking over stewardship. A trail is planned on the PPA Kelly conservation easement.

**Membership**—Marty Arnold

Currently there are 124 members. Marty will be leading a new focus on recruiting more members. One idea that came up was having membership available through the website. There was a suggestion to list members on the website. The board will discuss this. Another option is to make a list available to road association officers.

The subject of salmon fishing was raised. There was a discussion of management goals: trophy fish vs. catching smaller fish regularly. Young people should be encouraged to take up fishing and courses for this purpose may be desirable.

**Treasurers report**—Waine Whittier

A full treasurers report was in the last newsletter. Last year income was \$8500 and expenses were \$7600.

**Invasives**—Lidie Robbins

There are 21 volunteers for plant patrol. More are needed to cover more of the lake. Also, more volunteer boat inspectors are needed.

**Dam**—Steve Linder

The dam is in good shape and terrestrial invasives are being monitored and taken care of.

**Communications**—Susan Onion

Please be sure to notify Susan of any email changes. The PPA website has good information and links.

**Nominating committee**—Waine Whittier

Nominations for next year are:

Gerry Tinguely, President

Bill Rosenberg, Vice President

Glenn Hodgkins, Secretary

Waine Whittier, Treasurer

Susan Onion, Communications

Deb Cayer, Water Quality

Lidie Robbins, Invasive Aquatic Plants

Amanda Smith, Stewardship

Steve Linder, Dam

Dan Onion, Lake Usage, Fish and Wildlife (also 30-Mile rep)

Marty Arnold, Membership and Immediate Past President

A motion was made (Waine) and seconded (Marty) to approve nominations for 2016; motion passed unanimously.

Hearty thanks were expressed to Marty and Fiora for all their work over the years!