

**Parker Pond Association
Board Meeting
June 21, 2021**

The PPA Annual Meeting was held on June 21, 2021. Due to the pandemic, the meeting was held outdoors at the North Vienna Methodist Church. Outdoor conditions were less than warm and a light drizzle anointed those in attendance.

The meeting was called to order at 4:35 pm by President, Gerry Tinguely who made a brief speech of welcome and thanks to all those who attended as the weather was not at its finest for an outdoor meeting.

Old Business

The minutes of the 2020 Annual Meeting were asked for approval. So approved.

New Business

Loon Island

Special thanks was expressed toward Dan Onion for spearheading the renovations done on the Loon Island cabin. Mike Wells was the general contractor, and together they gathered over thirty volunteers to accomplish the cabin renovation.

Special thanks was also expressed to the Pleasant River Lumber Company for donating wood for the project.

Drawings were presented to Dan Onion, Mike Wells, and Rich & Amanda Smith in recognition and gratitude for their efforts and vision.

Invasive Plants

Buddy Cummings from the Androscoggin Lake Association and board member of the 30 Mile River Watershed Association gave a presentation on invasive plants. He said Parker Pond is fortunate to have a small public boat launch as on Androscoggin the infestation detected this past year most likely came from an infected boat coming in at the public launch.

They are continuing surveys to find invasive plants. They are also trying to keep people from boating in the infested areas as this could track the plants to other parts of the lake.

The first line defense from invasive plants is keeping them out of the lake to begin with. The best way to do this is with courtesy boat inspections. At Androscoggin they are also inspecting boats coming out of the lake to keep it from going to other lakes. Lidie Robbins is now working with teams of divers who go into the lake to physically remove the plants.

The second line of defense is early detection. Buddy brought a video entitled, *The Hunt For Aquatic Invaders*. It was available for viewing inside the church social hall at the meeting, but it is also available on You Tube. Viewing this video inspired people to sign up for plant inspection. With education and training inspectors can differentiate native plants from invasive.

The state Department of Environmental Protection only pays for “rapid response” divers - which means about one year, but not long term. After the first year, should the infestation go on, it is up to the residents of the lake to pay for divers to remove invasive plants.

Lidie has applied for a “Surface Use Restriction” which would hopefully keep all boats out of the infested area, but the problem is enforcement. State wardens who have authority are busy elsewhere with more serious matters. Local volunteers try to keep people out but they have no legal authority and are sometimes ignored.

30 Mile River Watershed Association has been great in helping with this problem.

A short break was called for people to see the video and milfoil sample.

Lake Smart

Recognition was given to those who have got the Lake Smart Award.

Joan and Sandy Beal as well as Jane and Klavs Salgals received their Lake Smart Awards.

Land Usage

Bob Weimont gave a report on Water Quality. In conjunction with 30MRWA, the water is checked every two weeks. The clarity is over 9 meters. The dissolved oxygen and phosphorus levels are taken every few weeks.

He also reported on the Quimby Lane launch on Fellows Cove that is controlled by the Parker Lakeshores Recreational Association. The Parker Pond Association has an arrangement with the Lakeshores Association to use this launch three days in the Spring for launch and three days in the fall for take out of boats. This is used for the launching and withdrawal of pontoon boats. We launched 17 boats in the spring of 2021. There are boat inspections and talks about water quality with the boat owners.

A question was raised from the floor proposing that the public boat launch be improved for those who cannot use the Quimby Lane launch during the prescribed dates. Bob said he would again talk with the PLRA about future dates and rates.

A discussion was taken up over possible improvement of the public launch. Dave Markovchick explained that the public launch was owned by the Town of Vienna. The town has no interest in improving the launch. The State has no interest in improving the public launch because of the parking issue, safety, and money.

Membership

Bill Rosenberg reported that there are 146 individual members and 96 family memberships.

Email newsletters have cut the mail costs to \$0.

Treasurer's Report

Waine Whittier reported.

The balance is about \$27,000.

The loan for the dam property is fully paid off.

This year we collected around \$10,000 in dues and other contributions, but annual spending was around \$18,000.

We will be ok if the second half of the year goes like last year when income went up.

For more details and exact figures, contact Waine Whittier.

Land Use

Gary Dubord reported that the usage of the headlands trails have become an issue for those living on the Fellows Cove Road. An intern from the University of Maine will take a survey about parking in and about the area of the headlands trailhead.

The headlands trail will be closed during mud season.

The Kelley property trail has not yet been marked off, but it will be. This will be an out and back trail, not a loop trail.

30 Mile River Watershed Association

Please sign up for plant patrol, boat inspection, and Lake Smart.

The Paddle Trek is scheduled for July 31st. Kayak or canoe from Minnehonk to Wayne. Sign up is online at 30mileriver.org

Dam Report

Amanda inspected the dam, and all looks good.

The dam will be weed wacked to remove unwanted growth. As well several patches of Japanese knot weed will be removed.

Officers

Dave Markovchick was nominated to become president.

Gerry Tinguely will step down to a vice president position.

The rest of the board remains the same as last year.

This was seconded and approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 pm.