Peacham Pond Association Newsletter

January 2021

Updates on Water Draw Down

Hello Pond Owners,

Happy New Year! We hope 2021 brings you a feeling of hope for the year ahead.

There are lots of changes happening on Peacham Pond. Please take some time to read about them in the attached articles. The change in our winter water draw down is a new reality and we need to learn as much as possible about these new policies. It will impact all of us and our shoreline.

This newsletter incudes the following:

- · Letter from Jeff Crocker River Ecologist with VT Watershed Management
- New Peacham Pond Draw Down Plan
- · MOU between GMP and VT-DNR
- · Carmignani and Roy Aquatic Study
- GMP Molly's Falls Summary Table

In February or early March we will have a community meeting on Zoom with Jeff Crocker, Oliver Pierson and a representative from Green Mountain Power. You will recieve an email invitation to join the meeting about a week before it occurs. This meeting will give us a chance to voice concerns and questions about the coming changes.

As you will learn in the articles below, these new policies will help preserve the plants and animals that live in the shallow zones of Peacham Pond. The research shows that these shallow zones (littoral zones) are very important. They can improve water quality, prevent shoreline erosion and encourage more biodiversity if left covered with water in the winter.

As always, our goal is to protect and preserve Peacham Pond.

Have a happy and healthy year, Peacham Pond Association Martha Winston - President <u>mwinston54@yahoo.com</u>



Jeff Crocker Response.pdf

Letter to Allen Freund and PPA concerning water draw down





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Peacham Pond Plans from GMP

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Memorandum of Understanding between GMP and VT-DNR





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Review of Literature reguarding winter draw down on pond ecology





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