

# Peacham Pond Association Newsletter

July 2020

## Summer Update

Most of us have been fortunate to have Peacham Pond as a place to shelter from the Coronavirus this summer. We have been able to socially distance and still get outdoors to swim, boat, picnic and gather with our families. Thank goodness for this wonderful place!

The PPA board has decided to be cautious this year and hold a virtual annual meeting. As nice as it would be to gather and see our pond neighbors, we want to err on the side of caution. Please read the notice below and join us on Zoom.

Have a safe and happy summer,  
Your Peacham Pond Association Board



## Annual Meeting via Zoom

Date: Saturday, August 1, 2020

Time: 9:30am

We will hold our annual meeting on Zoom this summer. You will receive an invitation to join the meeting on your email a few days before the date and then a reminder email on Friday, July 31st. If you do not get these notices, please contact Martha Winston @ [mwinston54@yahoo.com](mailto:mwinston54@yahoo.com). We will keep the meeting brief and informative.



## Island Fire in the North Cove

In June, there was a very persistent fire on the largest island in the north cove of the pond. It was started after kayakers had a campfire and didn't extinguish it completely. Marshfield and Peacham fire departments were called and neighbors with pontoon boats transferred the firefighters to the island. About 25% of the island was burned with flames reaching up into the pine trees. Days later, smoke was seen again and more pontoon boats went to the scene to form a bucket brigade. Thanks to these neighbors and others who helped: Kevin Hudson, Tetreault family, John and Janice Guilmette, and Bruce Carey



## Greeter Program Funded for 2020

We received our grant for the Public Access Greeter Program in late May. Fortunately, our experienced greeter, Priscilla McCormick-Sampson, was able to train and report to work on short notice. She has inspected a record number of boats this season during some beautiful summer weekends. Please stop and have Priscilla show you how to inspect your own watercraft. She is at the boat ramp on Saturdays and Sundays from 7am-3pm. It is important to be proactive and do this every time you have visited another lake or river. There are over 100 locations in Vermont that have invasive species. Each time a boat enters our pond it could be carrying Eurasian Milfoil or other invasive species.

## PPA Dues for 2020

This is an unusual year as we will not be gathering for our annual meeting. Most neighbors pay their annual dues when they attend our picnic.

There are several ways you can still get your dues in this year:

Mail to: Barb Spaulding, PO Box 49, Marshfield, VT 05658

Drop off at: Winston camp, 1468 Peacham Pond Road (drop off envelope on front door)

Dues for 2020 are \$30 per camp

Thank you to those who have already paid!!



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## Proposed slate for 2020 PPA Board

President - TBA

Vice President - John Weaver

Treasurer - Barb Spaulding

Secretary - Patricia Wiedel

Road Committee - Ryan Chapell

Road Committee - John Guilmette

Environmental Programs - Martha Winston

Environmental Programs - Allen Freund

Consultant - social media - Michelle Risley

## Retiring Board Members

We are sad to say goodbye to Dave Noda and Judy Oro. Both served as board members and brought their special talents to our group. Dave worked with the Road Committee and Judy and her husband Ray were our Lay Monitors last summer. Thank you for volunteering!

Our PPA is always looking for new board members. We have lots of ways, big and small, you can contribute to our pond community. Please contact Martha Winston @ [mwinston54@yahoo.com](mailto:mwinston54@yahoo.com) to see how you can help.

## Town of Peacham

Our roads on both sides of the pond have been in good shape this spring and summer. Thanks goes to Jeremy and the Town of Peacham road crew who have been at work even during the COVID-19 restrictions. The new culverts, installed last summer, have been effective during the recent rains. More news on the roads will be shared at the annual meeting on Zoom, August 1st at 9:30am.

For up-to-date information on the Town of Peacham, check out their Facebook page or visit their website at [peacham.org](http://peacham.org).



