

PEACHAM POND ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

MAY 2019

NEWS FOR 2019

Greetings! Spring is here and your Peacham Pond Association Board is getting ready for a busy summer. We hope this newsletter will help you to stay informed and involved.

- Read about a new time for the Family Day Picnic and Annual Meeting.
- Please consider attending FOVLPA's Lake Seminar in early June at Lake Morey.
- Our Public Access Greeter Program will be up and running on Memorial Day weekend. We are looking for volunteers to help with late afternoon hours . . . read more below.
- Come and meet Mark Mitchell, head of the Lay Monitoring Program for the State of Vermont. He will be here to talk to interested residents about water quality and how to understand our "Lake Scorecard".
- Our PPA road committee has a spring report and the minutes from our 2018 Annual Meeting are included at the end of this newsletter.

Looking forward to seeing you on the pond!

Martha Winston - PPA President



2019 FAMILY DAY AND ANNUAL MEETING

Please save the date!

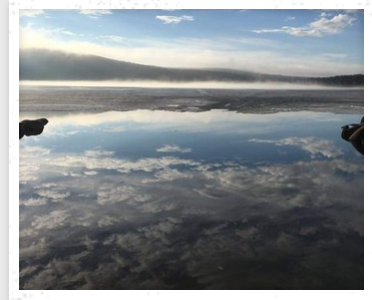
Saturday, July 13, 2019 @ NOON

The Family Day picnic is being moved to noon on Saturday. Several shade tents will be provided, as well as more outdoor games and activities. A flyer in early July will provide all the details. Hopefully, this new time will bring out more pond residents and families. We want to make this a fun day for all.



PEACHAM PUBLIC ACCESS GREETER PROGRAM

Our wonderful greeter from last summer, Priscilla McCormick-Sampson plans to return to work again in 2019. We have received grant money from the State of Vermont to get started. The Town of Peacham acts as our partner for this project and **will help with additional funds!** We would like to train some pond owners to "greet" boats at our ramp when Priscilla is not on the job. A great outdoor volunteer opportunity. Contact Martha Winston if interested.



FOVLAP LAKE SEMINAR JUNE 7, 2019

The Federation of Vermont Lakes and Ponds hosts an annual seminar. Anyone can participate and learn more about best practices in lake and pond care. This year the seminar is at Lake Morey on June 7th. We will be sending some board members to this meeting. If you would like to attend please learn more at their website: Federation of Vermont Lakes and Ponds - Lake Seminar 2019.

PPA BOARD – CONTACT INFORMATION

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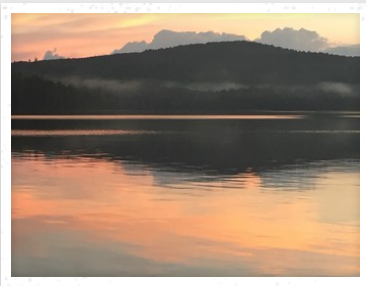
ROAD COMMITTEE – SPRING REPORT

As you know, the Peacham Pond Road committee was formed in August 2018. It's goal is to improve road safety and accessibility for all residents and service vehicles. This is

accomplished through relationships and close coordination with the Town of Peacham, Green Mountain Power (GMP) and Vermont Fish and Wildlife.

An assessment was prepared, focusing on trees, boulders and culverts. This assessment was reviewed with each of the agencies along with a request for action. GMP immediately came out and removed a large number of trees encroaching on power lines. This was followed by the Town of Peacham, who cut several more, chipped the branches and pushed a few boulders out of the right of way.


While great progress, a couple of trees fell on the road this winter and the Town damaged a blade on it's road grader when it hit a boulder. More work needs to be done. Our focus this Spring and Fall is on culvert repair and moving some additional boulders out of the right of way. As winter approaches, we will be discussing with the Town how to best clear and sand the roads after each storm.



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MEET MARK MITCHELL - LAY MONITORING PROGRAM COORDINATOR FOR THE STATE OF VERMONT

Mark Mitchell will be coming to Peacham Pond on Wednesday, May 29th at 10AM. He will be training Ray and Judy Oro as our new Lay Monitors for the pond. Mark has also agreed hold a meeting about Peacham's water quality. He will answer questions and help interpret the information in our "Lake Scorecard" for 2018. The meeting will be at the Winston's Camp - 1468 Peacham Pond Road. Mark is an expert in water quality and data - if you can't be there, please send your questions.

2019 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES -

Peacham Pond Annual Meeting
July 15, 2018

Call to Order - The Peacham Pond Association Annual Meeting was called to order at 1:05 PM at the Hafner/Boswell camp on Onion Point Road. The meeting and Family Day had been delayed one day due to rain.

Thank yous - Martha Winston, president of the PPA, thanked Aggie Boswell and Charlie Hafner for hosting the event at their beautiful camp again. She also recognized and thanked Kevin Wiedel for smoking the pulled pork for the picnic. She thanked John Weaver and his company, Weaver Printing, for our new road signs and newsletter printing and mailings for 2017/2018.

Martha also thanked the current board for their hard work during the year and especially with Family Day.

Current Board - The current PPA board was introduced. Martha Winston, President; John Weaver, Vice President; Al Blake, Treasurer; Patricia Wiedel, social media; board members, John Guilmette, Ryan Chapell and Karen Dusini.

Allen Blake was recognized with a gift basket and card. He is retiring from the Treasurer position after 22 years!

Treasurer's Report - Al Blake gave his final treasurer's report. We have a balance of \$1,814.94 in our checking account and a CD worth \$596.80 as of this date. Please see the attached copy for a detailed report.

New Board - The slate for the new board was presented as follows. President, Martha Winston; Vice President, John Weaver; Treasurer, Barbara Spaulding; Social Media/Secretary, Patricia Wiedel; Board members, John Guilmette, Ryan Chapell and Judy Oro. A motion was made to accept the new board as presented. The motion was seconded and passed.

Secretary - The secretaries minutes from the 2017 annual meeting had been mailed to everyone with the spring newsletter. Additional copies were available at the meeting. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as written.

Moment of Silence - Martha asked for a moment of silence to recognize Peacham Pond family members who had passed away during the past year. They include: David VanSchagen, Gregg Haskins, Olive Franzi and Ellen Young. Donna Vanschagen shared the details of her fathers service, planned for Saturday, July 21, 2018.

Lay Monitors - Martha and John Winston continue to be the Lay Monitors for the pond. Martha reported that our phosphorus, chlorophyl, and clarity measurements fall within the standard norms. People can access this and lots of other information on lake health at the DEC Lake Scorecard online. Rick Scholes shared his concern that his northeastern bay has a scum on the surface and that the loons are not fishing as usual. Dry weather may be contributing to this in the shallow water. Deep water clarity readings are better than normal.

Loon Report - Rick Scholes reported that 2 loon chicks were hatched on the small island in the north bay. One has survived and is doing well. Rick will participate in the state loon count on July 21, 2018.

Peacham Land Trust - Al Blake reminded all that the Peacham Land Trust has their annual meeting in August. They need members to attend. Dave Van Schagen was an administrator for the trust and his expertise will be missed.

Public Access Greeter Program - Our special speaker, Josh Mulhollum, was not able to attend on Sunday, so Martha Winston explained this new program. Last winter the PPA wrote a state grant and with the help of the Town of Peacham, to apply for funds to begin a Public Access Greeter Program. We received approximately \$3400. This money has allowed us to hire a greeter, Priscilla McCormick Sampson, to work Saturdays, Sundays and holidays from the first

weekend in June until Labor Day. Her hours are 6AM to 2PM. Our greeter logs all watercraft who use the boat ramp, inspects for invasive species and educates about the Vermont laws involving trailering watercraft. The program is going well and we are very lucky to have such a dependable and hardworking employee. We need more in-kind hours to meet our grant, so Martha asked for volunteers who would like to work at the boat ramp on Sunday afternoons.

Road issues - Rick Scholes described as invasive plant that is a concern along the roads. Hogweed can be very harmful when touched, causing burns and rashes. Rick has sprayed some of these plants along Peacham Pond Road. We will try to get a picture of hogweed on Facebook, so people can avoid it or help by spraying it.

Online updates - the PPA is working on getting all pond owners information into a Google document. This will allow us to quickly produce emails, mailings and future directories. As a reminder, each person was given a piece of paper with the website that allows them to log this information. PP hats will be given to the persons who are #15,30,45,60 and 75 to log in their information.

Property Management - Michelle has started a business managing lakefront property. She can market and manage rental properties on Peacham. Please contact Ryan Chapell for her contact information.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Martha Winston