

Peacham Pond Association

MAY 2023

SPRING IS HERE!

Greetings to All,

We are looking forward to another summer on Peacham Pond. Here are some special projects in the works for 2023:

- We are excited to announce the FIRST dock concert on the pond, scheduled for Sunday, July 23rd.
- Our long-time greeter Priscilla McCormick-Sampson will be returning for her 6th summer at our boat ramp. We are lucky to have her!
- Peacham Pond merchandise - from sweatshirts to koosies - will be for sale through an online store. Watch for an email in mid-May with all the details.
- There will be more appointments for Lake Wise evaluations to help homeowners learn about good lakeshore practices.
- The state of Vermont will be determining if new regulations for wake boats and wake sports are necessary for inland lakes.
- Improvements to our boat ramp are in the planning stages thanks to a grant written by the Caledonia County Natural Resource Conservation District - Emily Finnegan (director)
- And much more . . .

We hope to see you soon on the pond,

The PPA Board



DOCK CONCERT

Seth and Natalie Chapell have booked a dock concert featuring the Chad Hollister Duo. Chad's music is well-known in Vermont. His upbeat style and great guitar playing will sound even better on the water. The Chapell's will host those who come by boat in the small bay in front of their camp or those who come by land on their back lawn. Please plan to bring a chair! There will be a tip/donation jar passed at the event. All donations will go to Chad and the band.

Watch for more news this summer . . .

Date: Sunday, July 23, 2023

Time: 2:00PM - 5:00PM

Thanks to the Chapell's for planning this fun, social event!



GREETER PROGRAM

We are fortunate to have Priscilla McCormick-Sampson returning to her job as Peacham Pond Greeter for her **6th summer!** Priscilla will be at our boat ramp on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays from 7AM - 3PM. Last year she had several unpleasant interactions with people trying to use the boat ramp for swimming, fishing, picnicing and other uses that are not legal at a State of Vermont boat access. We need Priscilla to be able to do her job of inspecting and logging the boats that come to use the pond - please help her out.



ROAD REPORT

Last winter the Town of Peacham contracted with a new person for winter plowing. Seth Graves of 802 Lawn Care took on the contract and did a good job keeping the roads open and plowing early in the day for residents to get to work.



PPA ANNUAL MEETING

Last summer we had a well attended and very lively annual meeting. We welcome all the participation and hope to have the same this year. Please mark the date on your calendar: **Saturday, August 5, 2023**
4:00PM - 6:30PM
Potluck appetizers and BYOB
Location TBA



ONLINE STORE FOR PEACHAM POND MERCHANDISE

We are excited to try a new online store for Peacham Pond merchandise. Jeff Apfeld will be offering lots of items that can have our "Peacham Pond" logo printed on them. Sweatshirts, visors, boats flags, kids shirts and much more. The online store will be open for about 3-4 weeks for ordering. Then printing and delivery will take another 2-3 weeks. Watch for an email

with a flyer to get started in mid-May. By early July we will have your order delivered to your door.



PEACHAM POND WATER DRAWDOWN PLAN

We are in the third year of the Peacham Pond Plan, implemented by the Vermont DEC and Green Mountain Power. That means for two more winters, the pond's water level will be drawn down approx. 6.6' or less. Then we will enter a five year period during which the winter drawdown will be 3.0' or less. At the end of this ten year period our pond level will not be artificially controlled unless there are special circumstances. As lakeshore property owners this will have a lot of impact on docks, decks and boathouses. Please review the attached schedule. It has been updated from the original plan.



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THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS!!

These local businesses advertised in our 2022 Peacham Pond Community Directory and on our PPA website. Their support helps fund our website, semi-annual newsletters and our water quality work during the year.

Many thanks to:

- Manosh
- B&B septic
- Kyle Johnson - Lawn Care and Docks
- Green Mountain Stump Grinding
- Marshfield Village Store
- Farnham Scales

WAKE BOAT REGULATIONS

The State of Vermont is in the process of determining whether to implement regulations on wake boats and where they can operate. During the past year the state has held public meetings, met with focus groups, received many letters and reviewed all the relevant data about wake boat use. They will continue this summer with a final group of public meetings and then make their decision whether to move forward with regulations.

For more information please visit: <http://responsiblewakes.org>.



LAKE WISE

Lake Wise is a Vermont DEC program for lakeshore homeowners to learn more about lake friendly practices for their property. Last summer, Emily Finnegan (director of Caledonia County NRCD) was able to come to Peacham Pond and evaluate two properties on the east side. Mark Milazzo's property scored high enough to be granted the first Lake Wise Award on the pond. After evaluations, suggestions for improvements are made, including local resources for help. This summer, we have openings for more Lake Wise visits. If interested, please email Martha Winston: mwinston54@yahoo.com.



LAND TRUST TRAIL

This beautiful trail on the west side of the pond is on property owned by the Peacham Pond Land Trust. Volunteer crews have been active during both the summer and winter to make this mile plus trail more accessible. Now, thanks to Greg Vanesse, there are signs at the trail heads so everyone can see the entrance spots. Please remember this trail is open due to the kindness of the Land Trust members.



BOAT RAMP

Our public access boat ramp has some serious problems with runoff. This comes from the narrow width and steep grade of the access area. The sides of the main ramp are deep gullies, allowing a lot of sediment to enter the pond during rain events and spring runoff. Launching boats can be difficult due to the rough terrain. Emily Finnegan, the director of Caledonia County Natural Resource Conservation District recognized the problem and wrote a grant for planning some improvements. This spring she will meet with representatives of VT Fish and Wildlife, the PPA and an engineer. Proposed improvements will be shared as they are ready. If all goes well, the ramp will be improved during the summer of 2024.

PPA DUES AND CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2023

PPA dues are \$30 per camp. That includes a free 2022 Community Directory, if you didn't receive one last year.

Visit our website to pay online: <http://peachampondassociation.org>

Or mail dues to: Greg Crossan, 2 Fox Run Lane, North Reading, MA 01864

YOUR DUES ARE IMPORTANT!! They support the PPA in these ways:

- Greeter Program
- PPA website
- Newsletter
- Annual meeting

- Memorial gifts
- FOVLAP membership

Contributions to our Greeter Fund are also greatly appreciated. In 2022 we were able to pay our Greeter, Priscilla, mileage from her home in Barnet. That was a big incentive to keep her on the job for another summer.

RABIES DROP FOR SUMMER 2023

There will be a rabies bait drop this summer in areas around the pond and all around the state. This flyer is from last summer, but it does a good job describing what the rabies bait looks like and what to do if you, your children or your pets encounter some. The dates for the 2023 drop will be the same as for 2022.



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2023 FOVLAP LAKE SEMINAR

The Federation of Vermont Lakes and Ponds (FOVLAP) presents a day-long seminar every spring on a relevant topic concerning Vermont lakes and ponds. This year the seminar will held on Friday, June 2nd from 9am to 3pm.

The topic is:

Vermont Lake Rules and Regulations - Compliance and Enforcement

"Who You Gonna Call? Lake Busters!"

Once again, it will be on Zoom. The event is free and open to everyone.

Register online at <https://vermontlakes.org>



PPA BOARD 2023

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Our association is always looking for volunteers.

- You can train to become a VIP (Vermont Invasive Patroller)
- Manage our Facebook page (it really needs help!)
- Learn how to collect water samples and be a Lay Monitor
- Join the PPA board
- Work with Jaime Guilmette on new pond merchandise

There are so many ways to help!

