

Peacham Pond Association, Inc.
Annual Meeting
7/13/2019
Hafner/Boswell Camp

Meeting called to order by President Martha Winston at 1:20 PM

Martha began by thanking the Hafner and Boswell families for use of their camp again this summer. She introduced the board, thanking them for their service. She thanked Kevin Wiedel for preparing the smoked brisket. We had many local businesses donating to our raffle this year in the form of gift cards and services. Those companies are: Larrabees; Marty's; Cabot Creamery; Cabot Hardware; Three Ponds; Fowler Septic and many pond residents. She introduced the new road committee: Ryan Chapell, Dave Noda, John Guilmette and Kevin Hudson. She also introduced our new pond lay monitors Ray and Judy Oro taking over for John and Martha Winston.

Martha then introduced the board members; President, Martha Winston; Vice-President, John Weaver; Treasurer and Secretary, Barb Spaulding and Board Members John Guilmette, Ryan Chapell, Pat Wiedel, Judy Orr, Dave Noda and Michelle Risley. The slate of officers will remain for this year but we will need to fill vacancies next year. In addition Barb Spaulding is holding 2 positions so if anyone is interested in taking over the secretary position, let Martha know. The motion was made to accept this slate of officers, motion passed. We have several interesting projects for the future; a new website, a Peacham Pond on-line handbook and drafting a Family Day on-line survey so please consider serving on this board. The minutes from 2018 were available on-line and on Facebook, motion was made to approve the 2018 minutes, motion passed.

Treasurers Report (a printed complete report was handed out at the meeting) - Al Blake had been treasurer for about 20 years so upon his resignation a new account was required at TD Bank. The rules have changed for associations and they required us to incorporate and then we filed for non-profit status. Upon taking over the Treasurer position the checkbook balance was \$1,814.94. At the family day picnic/annual meeting in 2018 we sold 63 lunches; 1 directory; 4 hats and we made \$204.00 on our raffle. In 2017 we made \$180.00 on our raffle. That money goes directly to maintaining the health of the pond. We hope to do even better with these present raffle gifts and we will send thank you notes to these donating businesses. Total income during the year was \$1,424 from family day and dues. In addition, we rolled the CD, which Al opened years ago, into our general account and that amount was \$593.86, leaving income at \$2,017.86. We had limited expenses through the year, most of it involved reimbursement for family day 2018; State of Vt incorporation costs; Town of Peacham Greeter program donation of \$500.00 to match their donation ; memorial gifts and gifts to the host and hostess of the annual picnic and a bonus to Priscilla McCormick- Sampson, our greeter in the amount of \$250.00. Our total expenses were \$1,649.06 leaving a current balance of \$2,183.74. The motion was made to accept the treasurer's report and motion carried.

Martha then asked for a moment of silence to remember Richard Beland who passed away over the year.

Martha then introduced Rick Scholes and recognized his hours of work as a Peacham Lister and thanked him for his informational meeting. Rick gave a loon report for the north cove. One healthy chick was born a few weeks ago, still doing well. Apparently a pair of loons tried to nest on a tuft of grass that proved too low and the nest was washed away. The pond has 16 resident loons.

John Guilmette then gave a fish report. There are many concerns about the bass in the pond and how they were introduced. This is unknown, many theories presented. Bass and trout will co-exist. A main concern about the increase in bass fishing is that it brings in more transient boats which increases the risk of unwanted invasive plants and harmful aquatic species.

Road Committee - The main objective of forming the road committee was to improve the accessibility and safety of the Class 3 roads around Peacham Pond. An assessment of the trees, culverts and boulders around the pond was conducted and shared with the Town, Green Mountain Power (GMP) and the Department of Fish & Wildlife. In October, GMP came out and performed their own assessment and

concluded that a number of trees had to be removed to protect the electrical grid. Subsequently, the Town came out, cut a few more trees within the road right of way and then chipped up all branches and removed some of the logs. Residents of the Pond and others locally were given the remaining wood. The placement and replacement of culverts will be done by the town of Peacham this summer. We have had numerous sink holes. Boulder removal will continue in preparation for winter to decrease the damage done to town plows. Ryan clarified that the role of the committee is to foster communication with the town. The committee has no authority to cut trees or move boulders and the town as a 49.5 foot right of way and has been exercising their rights to clear.

Martha then addressed the group. Her primary mission, since taking office, has been to sustain the health of the pond. The Greeter program is in the 2nd year. This year she asked the state for more money, in the form of a grant, and we were given less. The total cost of our greeter, with a raise to \$14.00 an hour, is \$3,800. The town of Peacham donated \$500.00 to assist us and we matched that amount out of our treasury. Our greeter, Priscilla McCormick-Sampson works each weekend from 6:00 AM until 2:00 PM. We really need more hours covered and would like volunteers to sign up to do so. She checked 240 boats from 3 states and 50 bodies of water. The risk we face is great, it takes one dirty boat. Martha attended a Vt training session on invasive species and learned that Lake Dunmore is fighting a milfoil problem to the cost of \$225,000 and this cost is borne by the residents and grant money. Peacham Pond residents need to be vigilant, especially those who have their own boat ramps. Zebra mussels are invisible to the naked eye, all bilges need to be cleaned and -----burped. We also are not certain whether the drawdown of our water is beneficial to fighting milfoil, it is unknown.

The last order of business is the vote on the updated by-laws. These were last done in 1974. No significant changes were made but we included all properties on Onion Point and Peacham Pond roads for eligibility for membership. Motion was made to accept updated by-laws, motion passed.

Announcements - Please make sure we have your up to date email address as all correspondence will be done electronically. Please let us know if you would like to be trained to assist with the greeter program. Kevin Hudson would be willing to pick up your scrap metal. Please support our raffle in order to support the health of the pond.

Adjourned at 2:00

Respectfully submitted by Barb Spaulding