

## Range Pond Association Meeting - Tuesday, May 24, 2022

### Attendance:

Bill Williams  
Linda Lambert  
Jerry Harris  
Ken Knight  
John Aromando  
Tracy Lavoie  
Barry Morgan  
Shannon Dwyer  
Debra Harmon-Haid  
Mike Hill - not in attendance

### Notes

- Opening Remarks
- Review Agenda
  
- Newsletter
  - President's Report-Bill
    - Front page president's report
  - Water Quality
    - Barry Kutzen to write up report on clarity
  - Bird Report-John
    - Night Sky and Light Pollution & Star Gazing
  - Financial Report-Ann
  - Beaver-Water Flow-Barry
  - Invasive Plants - Ann
    - Will see what we can do to pull together to teach those to be vigilant
    - Will include Information for courses on invasive plants
  - Other:Erosion- Linda
    - How erosion impacts the lakes
  
  - Date of Mailing - Second week of July -time is near the annual meeting time. July 11. Give things to Ann by June 30
  - Ann would like someone to take over the newsletter -Linda has volunteered to do this next year
  - Need help finding the addresses? Does the town have a list of abutters?
  - Ann submits PDFs to printer
  
- Annual Meeting
  - Place/Set Up - Barry
    - Meeting at the Town Hall the last Sunday of July 31 9:00-11:00
    - We will grab donuts and coffee/water
  - Speakers
    - Scott Williams - he knows a lot of the ponds (Possible dependent on Covid)
    - Amy Arata - State Rep
    - Barry Kutzen - Water Testing
    - Scott Lindsey - Biologist for State of Maine Fish and Game (water levels, beaver

issues)

- Boat Parade
  - Permit-Barry
    - There are forms every year to have permission for the boat parade. This year the State of Maine changed requirements. Need a map. Need all measurements from shore line, obstacles,
    - Need to have a trained aquatic inspector who is endorsed present to inspect any and all motor boats participating prior and post parade. This will be hard to do.
    - Put in newsletter reason why we are postponing and requirements and
    - Barry will try for a waiver with the fact that the boats are already on the lake. But it looks like the state is making it tougher. Therefore we cannot have the boat parade this year.
    - Failure to comply may result in revocation of this permit and any permit for the group and denial of any future permits.
    - The board of select people also has to approve it.
    - Barry will write it up for the newsletter so we can address it.
    - Ann will post an explanation on Facebook.

- Watershed Signs-Barry
  - Still to be done

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- Mooring Subcommittee - John & Barry
  - Nothing has happened with the subcommittee
  - What needs to happen is that we need a proposal to the Selectboard for adopting an ordinance
  - Our primary obstacle will be enforcement - most towns have a HarborMaster to enforce this
  - Need to look at what an ordinance would look like and need a contact at the Selectboard that would be willing to bring it forward.
  - Question: Could towns share HarborMaster - we suspect they could
  - Question: Could Code Enforcement help enforce the ordinance?
  - Could we pull the neighboring town ordinance and see if the board member is willing to bring it forward? Ann will reach out to Jane to see if there is any interest
  - Contacting Tripp Lake Association- Could we reach out to Tripp Lake to see if they would want to join forces?

- Buoys/Ropes for Spring-Tracy
  - Ropes seemed good and buoys are in! Thank you!

- Update Website-Mike/Bill

- Future Water Quality Report-Bill

- Water Quality Course for Students-Ann
  - High School/Middle School Student Course
- Scholarships for students to take the water quality course - Barry - we could sponsor three students a year starting this year. Barry will contact the school.

- Financial Report-Ann
  - Ann will forward report -having computer issues
  - PO Box 451 for Donations

- Future Board Positions - Discuss (President, VP, Treasurer, Secretary)
  - We have 11 board members, some are expiring. Bill will send you an email to let you know.
  - Linda will remain on the board.
  - Officers for all positions

- Sun Journal - Association was mentioned in the article with Cyndi's Docks
  - Two years ago there was a list of the citizens that signed as property owners to contest
  - 51 Neighbors signed to reconsider the planning board to get more information
  - RPA was not involved as an association - it was neighbors
  - There was a compromise - a fair and equitable result and until recently when the Sun Journal article came out
  - Mr. Legee wrote emails to the town with commentary and newspapers and town of Poland
  - Our records are complete by state statutes
  - Mr. Legee is working directly with town and DEP
  - All correspondence should be cc'd to ourrangeponds email accounts.
  - Nicky Pratt sent email which will be forwarded to ourrangepond account.
  - History of the dock project was explained.

- No parking signs on Range Hill Road - those signs are not there anymore
- Barry contacted Matt and he contacted Public Works
- Ann will follow up - cars and boat trailers were parked on both sides of the road

**PREVIOUS MEETING (JANUARY) NOTES FOR REFERENCE BELOW:**

- Financial Report
  - Ann sent report via email to the board.
  - Collected net of 7500 in dues plus 1000 from Poland Spring, nothing from the town of Poland
  - One expense for the newsletter - paid in Oct. was \$813.
  - July was \$7400 - ending 14,122 with 6 deposits.
  - Waiting on Scott's bill to come in (usually comes in around March) which is usually around \$6,000.00.
  - Scott is retiring - not sure of his replacement.
  - Barry did an invoice to the town for a bill to \$1,000 which kicks out a reimbursement. This includes the water testing. This usually comes in around March.

- Water Level/Beaver Update
  - We had a neighbor, Eric Anderson, from Middle Range who helped with this. We are asking him to speak at the next meeting. He and other volunteers completely removed the beaver dam on Lower.
  - Barry will coordinate with town and public works and Scott Lindsey, the Maine Biologist, so Eric's work was very helpful. They took it right to the foundation of the old walkway.
  - Jim Webster will be setting traps this winter and will stay in touch. He got two beavers last year. The den was rebuilt, so we are hoping to get all of them.

- We authorized \$300. for the removal.
- Water levels were good for the winter.

- **Mooring Subcommittee**

- No activity - John has five volunteers to work on the subcommittee.
- Path forward consists of preparing something based on neighboring community ordinances.
- We will reach out to the Poland Town council for an ordinance.
- The work of the committee is to look at existing ordinances in other communities then move forward with approaching the council.
- There was a council member at our previous meeting willing to help.
- John will send an email to the people he has addresses for and will schedule a meeting to discuss it and begin to push it forward.
- Question: Could we reach out to Tripp to get greater town wide support for this? Do we have a contact for the Tripp Lake Association? Ann will contact this association.
- Would the selectboard be able to initiate something? (unsure - would have to check)
- Barry can help meeting with the selectboard.
- Naples and Casco have ordinances to review.
- Jane Benthany was at the meeting and offered to assist. We can also check into Raymond.

- **Newsletter/Articles**

- Newsletter goes out in June - articles in by May
- Ann puts the newsletter together and goes to the printer
- 2-4 pages
- Includes membership and their contributions
- Let Ann know if you have an article/idea for an article

- **Meeting Place/Speaker**

- Last year we had the town hall - open and spacious.
- Barry will set up the meeting with the town hall.
- Annual Meeting will be the last Sunday in July.
- Meeting will be July 31, 2022 at 9:00
- Speaker: Eric Anderson and/or Audubon or John Aromando to talk about the birds on the ponds (i.e. a Tundra Swan came at the end of November/beginning of December)
- Redistricting - we will have a new representative Ned Claxton - possible speaker?

- **Boat Parade**

- There was no parade last year.
- We would like to get the permit this year and wait and see what the Covid situation is.
- Barry will get the paperwork for the permit.
- If we get the newsletter out by July 4 we could get the info for the boat parade out.
- Linda will help with the boat parade. Barry will do the paperwork. Barry will provide the map which is needed for the permit.

- **Water Quality**

- Waiting on the water quality report.
- Bill will email Scott - usually it is March.

- **Facebook Updates**

- Members can post to the Facebook page.

- **Website**

- Website needs updating.
- Meeting minutes, pictures, water quality report.
- Website is easy to navigate -we just need to post to it.
- Seth King helped set the site up and is happy to post new information if we'd like.
- If we want anything uploaded to the website Seth will upload to the website at no charge.
- Bill will send that info to Mike Hill.

- Other

- Signs for the watershed? - Be kind to watershed.
- Last signs were done by Poland Spring. Green and white were not as noticeable in the summer. Raymond (?) has blue signs.
- Need to be able to see the sign when they are driving.
- We would have to check with Maine DOT and Poland to make sure we can put the signs.
- Kiosk at the boat ramp? - Barry will make some calls about that. If we put it up with their permission we would need to update it. That is state property. Barry will call Scott Lindsey.
- Buoys were removed by Tracy and her husband. (Thank you!) They had significant green on the buoys. The ropes may need to be replaced. This is usual. You may need a tarp when you pull them out.

Tasks	To Be Completed By:
Submit minutes to Bill	Shannon
Contact Tripp Lake Association	Ann
Following up on beaver dam - Scott Lindsey	Barry
Start Mooring Subcommittee work and contact selectboard	John and Barry
Newsletter Addresses	Ann and Shannon
Newsletter Articles	Any Member
Set up Meeting at Town Hall	Barry
Speaker for Meeting	Barry & John
Permit for Parade	Barry
Boat Parade Organization	Linda (others will help at her direction)
Email Scott for Water Quality Report	Bill
Facebook Updates	Any member may update
Website Updates- send material to Seth King	Bill will email Mike who will email Seth King
Check with state DOT and town about watershed signs	Barry

Replace Buoys in Spring	Tracy and Her Husband (reach out if you need more help)
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Next Meeting in April - Possibly in Person?