

**Hinkleys Pond Association Annual General Meeting**  
**12.00pm / Harwich Recreation Center**  
Meeting Minutes

*June 24, 2017*

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**Call to Order**

Meeting called to order by Co-President's Stanley Selkow & Ruth Anderson Zabre.

2016 Minutes were read into the record by Simon Evans and accepted unanimously.

**The Co-President's report;**

1. Water quality in the pond continues to be monitored by Ralph Anderson and volunteers every two weeks throughout the summer and the results are posted on the Association website. Volunteers are welcome to assist.
2. An update was provided on the past year's activity pertaining to the issue of obtaining financial support to combat the algae issue. Stan recounted the various activities including meetings with Town Manager and others to gain support for the treatment needed for the pond to deal with Phosphorous issue. He explained how while the Town Manager supported the goal, when it went before CPC it was again voted down, primarily based in inaccurate assumptions that the pond not public. Stan went on to explain how the fund request is now being folded into the Waste Water funding bill coming before Town Meeting and will include \$500k for pond clean up and \$50k towards making the public beach more accessible via stairs and for improved sightlines from the bike bath and seating for people who may be unable to walk down to the beach. We remain hopeful this will pass without event, but recommend all town voters to attend the meeting just in case.
3. A discussion was held regarding our approach in 2017, it was agreed we are better served by letting the Town Meeting funding request process complete and to not agitate further for attention. The members were also advised to highlight the fact the pond is in fact part of the Herring River which is critical to downstream water quality and sits on top of the Monomoy Lens making it a vital conservation target for clean water sustainability. This approach will help identify why folks who do not live on the pond still have a vested interest in the clean-up.

**Treasurers Report:** The Association has a little over \$3k in the bank via dues and have a few small outlays pending.

**Membership Report:** Current membership amounts to around 25 homes or roughly 50% of homes who meet the membership criteria. Everyone is encouraged to speak to neighbors to try to recruit homeowners and/or to invite them to upcoming social activities related to the association.

**Social Committee Report:** Deb Selkow updated the meeting on the new Social Committee which is a broader effort beyond the previous boat parade committee and is designed to build

greater community. Last year in addition to the boat parade there were successful “full moon paddles” when weather permitted and the paddles will continue this year. In addition to the paddles, the committee is planning three events, the first of which will be a block party held in the cul de sac of Edith Grove Road on Tuesday June 27, all are invited, including non-member home owners and guests. Bring drinks and “heavy appetizers”.

The committee is looking to move the boat parade to the middle of the summer (late July/early August) and to hold another block party around Labor Day on the other side of the pond, likely on Catherine Rose.

Other ongoing activities include the women’s book club and the “Agnie’s list” style referral service for contractors who are endorsed by members.

**New Business;**

1. Expiring terms of officers were listed as with the new officers proposed, the new members were unanimously elected to serve.
2. The broader membership was informed there would be a BoD meeting at the conclusion of the AGM where roles would be voted upon.
3. Preservation Taskforce; A discussion was held to encourage the creation of a taskforce to study what homeowners should be doing to help mitigate phosphorous leaching into the pond or other pollutants from activities such as lawn care and septic systems. A discussion was held surrounding the merits of collaborating among neighbors to improve awareness and even to become a community buyer of certain improvements and services. One subject discussed was to bring area roads up to Town standards to help mitigate storm run-off. Ralph and Stan agreed to be involved in the taskforce and encouraged others to contact them.

Motion to adjourn was made at 1pm and accepted.