

6/30/18 @ 9:45 Hinckleys Pond Association Board Meeting Harwich Community Center, Room 5

In attendance: Stan Selkow, Ed Weil, Deb Selkow, Anne Gaudet, Jane Temple Forman, Linda Underwood.

Agenda, and minutes, Accepted.

The Nominating Committee of Ruth and Stan proposed board officers and said 3 people departing the board: New Co-presidents- Anne Gaudet and Deb Selkow; Continuing offices of Secretary Jane Temple and Treasurer/ Clerk/Resident Agent, Joan Sachetti. All accepted.

Going off the board will be Ed Weil, Linda Underwood and Moe Steverman. Coming on the board will be Deb and Anne. All accepted.

Discussion of whether to collect HPA dues this year:

New leadership feels that dues should be waived for one year, due to surplus of monies, enabling donation of \$1,000 to Harwich Conservation Trust. The proposal is that over the summer new leadership will review what purpose dues serve and put together proposal. Heretofore dues have not been mandatory, and current payments are from ~ 25% of membership.

Ed Weil: suggests that membership dues be based on operating budget, additional tasks, such as improve pond and beach, take water samples, etc. anything that enhances the pond and budget.

Stan: Last year just 23 people paid dues. Stan feels membership definition is needed.

Ed: HPA needs to determine the plans for pond.

Linda: seems like good idea to take year off. BUT need operating budget. Suggests town and HPA work together for ideas to use monies for benefit of the pond.

Stan: suggests \$0 for this year and that Deb and others brainstorm for use of monies, e.g. run-offs, and determine suggested amount for annual dues.

Jane: suggests a year off dues might devalue the importance of membership and set a bad precedent.

Anne: we should re-define what dues are used for.

Vote: Majority voting yes in favor of dues hiatus. 2 (Jane and Ed) opposed.

Anne suggests reason for hiatus be disclosed to entire meeting - because we now have \$ for treatment and our donation to HCT.

Hinckleys Pond Association Annual Meeting
6/30/18 @ 10:30, Harwich Community Center, Room 5
31 attendance + 4 current officers

-Welcome

Call to order, early start at 10:27, to allow for Heinz Proft to speak, as he is on tight schedule.

Introduction, Heinz Proft, by Stan Selkow

Heinz (HP) offers to give as much information as possible. Recounts pond history with years of periodic algae blooms. This caused the town to use \$30K CPC funds on pond study. They found that 15 feet or deeper had the highest concentration of phosphorus. To treat with alum the cost would be around \$500K. But treatment was needed throughout the pond to bind phosphorus. This treatment was approved this past spring, through town process, and it includes work to be done at public beach/overlook. 10 days ago, HP and Kent Wagoner took additional samples and that will be analyzed to determine more exact recipe for treatment. Alum seems the best choice, for efficiency. Companies that make alum compete to [lower cost?] and certain parameters will be followed, e.g. the rate of application, the ideal water temperature (not warmer than 40 degrees) and not during herring transits. Long pond had extensive algae blooms that included fish kills and treatment has been successful. It is estimated it can last 20 years. There are many factors which contribute to algae blooms, including rain run-off, storm runoff, drainage, septic systems. The 2 bogs on either side of Hinckleys operate with best practices using minimal fertilizer applications. The application for funds for alum includes adjacent area improvement, e.g. the parking area, and overlook. It will be cleaned up, improved, more appealing aesthetically. The town will handle this, and it includes bike rack. They are aware of the accident rate at that intersection. So, the highway dept. will also oversee it. RFP includes water testing etc. Need new volunteers to continue sampling. Alternative methods of Aeration and dredging in other ponds has not been as effective as alum in binding the phosphorous to make water suitable for fishing and swimming.

HP wants to spread out treatments.

Open to questions (Q.) - all answers (A.) by HP

Q. Linda Underwood- What about Overlook?

A. wood platform, stairs, railings.

Q. Deb Selkow- Homeowners concerned about additional things to care for pond.

A. There will be general stewardship. Careful use of access watering, fertilizers, detergents. Worst case scenario is clearing shore of pond. Need shrubs, trees etc. to absorb run off. Review of septic systems showed that few are close to water.

Q Anne Gaudet – What can homeowner do re: fertilizer, detergent, septic.

A. Heinz says time of travel to water is the more important factor. Soils is so porous things travel quickly.

Q Ed Weil - Herring Run... concern?

A. this herring count, and culvert on Rt. 124 only way fish get into largest fresh water body on Cape cod. 882,000 herring were counted this year. Some spawn in Hinckleys and some in Seymour. Water levels highest in chain of 3 lakes in 2 decades.

Q Ed Weil – What are ways that we can improve pond. What kind of projects?

A. Once alum treatment is applied, HPA should send letter of thanks to town. Going forward, HPA needs to keep water sampling going. The fact that you have home owner assoc. is good. You have power. Application sampling, not sure what next step would be. Fertilizer Moderation maybe.

Q. Deb Selkow. Run off from road still concern?

A. HP talked to highway dept. Public roads should be addressed by town. Need more Gravel/rock. The grade is also important. HP doesn't know how that will proceed. For answers contact the town or Linc Hooper.

Q. Brian Archibald - James and Elizabeth were reconstructed, and good now.

Q Sally Mahoney. Who tells you about bloom? A. indirectly. People who live on ponds call him. Q. Sally. Could we submit to website? A. don't know

Q Ed Weil - Does Monomoy lens goes under Hinckleys pond. A. Lens underlies all of Harwich including the pond.

Q. Jeannine Archibald - What if bloom and bikers access pond near pump house.

A. HP posted signs. Owner of pump house didn't want it to appear as if its him. Deb Selkow adds - new identified beach area should defer pump house traffic. Q: what Dog safety? Stan: says 2011 neuro toxin many times level acceptable. HP says most critical time is as bloom breaks up and releases toxins, after individual cells have broken. STAN thanks HP- applause. HP: Final request: Need water samplers.

10:55- Ruth Anderson introduces Mike Lach, Executive Director, Harwich Conservation Trust.

(out of original agenda sequence due to timing issues.)

RUTH introduces Mike Lach, thanks him for all his good work, and in recognition of our shared mission presents check for \$1000.00. (Takes photo)

Mike: thanks HPA. Harwich Conservation Trust, in its 30th land saving yr. comprised of volunteer citizen founders, with common mission: Preserving natural land and resources. 574] acres later, in 2018, focusing strategically in some areas, including Hinckleys pond. HCT has mapped all parcels 2 acres or greater, + 5 acres that might accommodate subdivision. Zone 2 contribution to water supply. Followed that for any conservation criteria. Properties within watershed, or have pond frontage, public access, etc. After looking at all criteria we have parcel ranking list. Several of them are around Hinckleys pond. E.G. Brown family donated 7.2 acres recently. We also worked with Root family between Hinckleys and Seymour and two connector water brooks. Gift includes development allowance but saves spawning habitat. Conservation restriction goes with the land. It's permanent. Also, the Welches- donated conservation restriction and retain building "envelop" around their home. Portion within Brewster and Punkhorn parklands.

The 15-acre Cornelius pond is another project with 1000 feet of shoreline. It has diversity of forest, wetland, meadow, and shoreline. Hope to offer walking trail loop. We're still raising funds. Another project is managing the herring count, at end of Dogwood Lane. 60 volunteers count herring, crossing over Hinckleys. We know preserving lands is important for herring, and there's been a precipitous drop in populations. And we also know that trawling off Cape Cod takes large populations. We are hopeful continued volunteer effort will help the 7-mile journey for herring from ocean to pond and restore it to a healthy population.

Q. Ed Weil- Grass, Plants? A. Town conservation administration may have list. (Amy Usowski will get list and give to Stan.) Ed: working on budget to keep funds for designation.

Q. Ralph. Recommended long island beach grass. Stan: adds new leadership can coordinate purchasing effort.

Q. Sally Mahoney: Root family restrictions? Can people go on that land? A. It depends on donation and this particular lot is still Private Property.

Q. Between Ed and Anne. Monitoring fry kills? Ladder? Sand? A. You are eyes and ears. Watch call. Heinz and Amy.

Q. Ethel. Hinckleys stocked? A. Stan? Used to be, no longer. Ethel had heard it is not stocked. Stan says fishermen he's spoken with all say "catch and release." Discussion of Eagle(s) : how many? Permanent? Nesting? Unsure.

11:15 wrap-up. Mike will leave contact information; promoted HCT talks in Jan and Feb. And requested for volunteers.

11:15 Restart meeting, post guest presentations

Announcement of all new Board members and co-presidents

Stan introduces himself, and then team - New Co-presidents (2 years)- Anne Gaudet and Deb Selkow; Continuing offices of Secretary Jane Temple and Treasurer/ Clerk/Resident Agent, Joan Sachetti. Intro Board, Joan, Peter, Mike O'Halloran. Jane and me. Maureen "Moe" Steverman, Ed Weil and Linda Underwood coming off board. Ruth introduces new people and explains push pins. New members self-intro, around room.

11:23 am

Minutes of last year---sent by email; ask for changes,

Approval - Moved, accepted.

Treasurer's report:

\$2,752.00 in account; \$1,000.00 given to Harwich Conservation Trust. Dues discussion took place at board mtg. Board decided not to call for dues for one year. Membership belongs to those who sign up. IF you don't receive email, make sure you're on the list. This summer new leadership will discuss what to do about dues and propose a plan for 2019.

Social committee quick report: Deb Selkow reported last year's events: Boat parade, block parties and Full moon paddles. There is also a Pond "Angie's" list and a woman's book group. Make sure we have you on the list. Agenda of upcoming events is available today on paper handouts.

President Recap of events from past year

Stan: 2005, Harwich approved community preservation act, adding 3% surcharge on taxes, and this accumulates. Need for pond cleanup appeared in 2010 with 5x acceptable levels of cyanobacteria. Heinz sponsored report to consider options of treatment. Alum is the preferred treatment for Hinckleys. There was a water management plan for the whole town, Hinckleys by far the neediest. Consisting of 4 issues: phosphorous, Storm run-off, fertilizers, and bog water quality. Town sent RFP for treatments. \$650,000 from funds accumulated for remediation. Council votes approved unanimously. Finance committee voted 5-0 in favor. Town meetings Approved the treatment. Stan reintroduces Anne and Deb.

11:35 New Business—Anne and Deb:

DEB thanks Ruth and Stan. Deb reiterates that HP said important to continue sampling water. Jane and Ralph Anderson have been doing this. They do a great job, but we need more people.

RALPH speaks: for last 19 years measurement have been made, which were used to justify alum treatment of pond. We measure clarity, samples, at various levels, analyzed by University of Massachusetts. Days for sampling, are based on tides. Start at 8 am. 16 years Jane & I have been responsible. Want to recruit and train others. Need: willingness, plus access to boat. Procedure is drop anchor, make series of measurements, record them, then transfer sample to harbor. This year samples are taken to Sisson road. HP has also offered to do training. Interested? Please meet with us or call.

DEB: reiterate request to encourage anyone to come forward for Ralph or for other ideas.

ANNE: Deb and I want more people to participate to keep the pond healthy. We are hoping that one of you will do it or suggest someone else. Also interested in storm water run off etc. and we're hoping to get together a group of people who can go to other meetings at other pond associations and gather specifics, e.g. products, types of fertilizer, septic tank treatments or maintenance. Want to come up with a list of recommendations. Also interested in accuracy of membership records, e.g. addresses, emails, residency. Block captains can do this. Block captain role also allows us to reach out to neighbors. The board is going to be talking about what constitutes membership and if you'd like to serve in that capacity let us know. We want to assure the pond's longevity.

Peter DeBakker volunteered to be part of subcommittee on storm water runoff. Linda offered to be captain for Catherine rose, and has addresses and phones. She already keeps data.

Ed Weil has Elizabeth rd. – has been acting as captain.

Stan would serve with Peter d/B. Sally Dworsky would help research type of soap to use in outdoor shower. Deb asks spearhead research about the answer. Jane Anderson offered to look at septic tank cleaning coordination. John Duane, Susan Olsen and Sally Dworsky also will research fertilizer and soap, and general household tips.

Reminders:

- Block party, Saturday Jul 7, at 4-6 pm on Catherine Rose Road.
- Boat parade, Saturday July 28, at Bill Crowell's, 14 Edwards Road
- Jane Anderson is webmaster.
- Stan says come to party, and parade, even if you don't have flyers... in mail box

Ethel DeBakker asks about long, hanging tube at headwaters bike path parking lots.
Answer: it is to collect information on the Asian long horn beetle.
Anne: thank you request adjournment; Susan Hollis motioned and Jeannine Archibald seconded. Meeting adjourned at 11:50 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Temple Forman
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