

## **Hinckleys Annual Meeting June 24, 2023**

**I move the following motion:**

**In recognition of Heinz Proft's many years of guidance and support, we the members, hereby vote to thank him, and to award a lifetime membership in the Hinckleys Pond Association. And to wish him well in his retirement.**

**and further move :**

**That the Treasurer be authorized to issue a membership card to him**

**Good morning**

**I am here today to request that the Hinckleys Pond Association recognize the many contributions, over many years, to Hinckleys Pond and our HPA association by MR. Heinz Proft.**

**About 25 years ago, before HPA was founded, Heinz had established a pond and harbor measurement program to monitor the health of the Town's waterways. John Bitzer helped by taking part in this for Hinckleys Pond. After a few years the ongoing measurements showed that Hinckleys was headed for problems. He suggested that to get support for any corrective action, that an organization be formed of the home-owners interested in helping.**

**It took several years, but with his guidance we formed HPA.**

**He came to our meetings, and educated us in what was possible, and what made sense for Harwich. With his help, we raised some money and convinced the Town to vote to have a professional evaluation and recommendation for remediation steps.**

**It took several tries at Town meetings, but Heinz kept the pressure on. This led eventually to the Town-funded the - Alum treatment in September 2019.**

**While all this was going on, we had more green algae-blooms of increasing severity, which led to the Board of Health closing the Pond to virtually all uses for weeks at a time.**

**The photo that is here today, showing Hinckleys Pond ( green with algae) , and Long, Seymour , and Sheeps Ponds with clear Blue water, showed It all.**

**By the way, Heinz took this photo, while flying his own plane, in order to document the situation.**

**The results are before us today, with clear water throughout the summer.**

**We could not have done this without Heinz's ongoing support and guidance.**

**Please vote to Say --THANK You Heinz!!!**