

# Hinckleys Pond Association

## Annual Meeting-final Minutes

June 27, 2020

The annual meeting of the Hinckleys Pond Association was called to order at 10:08 a.m. by Co-Presidents Anne Gaudet and Deb Selkow via an online Zoom meeting. The 35 participants on the Zoom call were welcomed to this year's unusual meeting venue.

First order of business is to ask for a motion to accept the June 2019 annual meeting minutes. Motion was made and seconded.

**Treasurer's Report** – Treasurer Joan Sacchetti confirmed a balance of \$3134 in the Association checking account.

**Old Business** - Deb announced the completion of the September 2019 alum treatment which was successful. Harbormaster, Heinz Proft, participated in the treatment process and is impressed with the results reporting that the water is clear. Ongoing monitoring will continue this summer though volunteer water sampling has been stopped because of Covid19 restrictions. The best way we can help to maintain the quality of our pond is to not over fertilize and to not cut grass or brush close to the edge of the water. Deb reiterated our mission is to take care of our pond water.

**Contacts** - Keeping our contact list up to date is important hence the reason for block captains being aware of those moving in or out. Current roster of captains:

Martha Crane, Edward Rd

Susan Hollis, Stanley Rd

Jane King, Edith Grove including Kellers and Zabres

Linda Underwood, Catharine Rose Rd and Squantos Path

Ed Weil, Elizabeth Rd

Susan Cyr, Wallace, Kevin, Marion Rds

Captains are needed for Hinckleys, Panorama Point, Birch Dr, James Rd.

Some remember the contact list being shared in the past, but it is not now shared due to privacy concerns. Belinda Rawlins offered to work with Clerk, Jane Temple, to create a Google group of HPA members.

**New Members** - Several new residents introduced themselves on the call—

Sheera and Bob Knecht, Squantos Path

Selena DeLude, Wallace Rd

Brooke Virginsky, Dogwood Rd

Musician Chandler Travis, Wallace Rd resident, has been performing on his deck and getting rave reviews from neighbors. It was suggested that Association members with music ability/interest, may want to organize mini performances around the pond.

We are continuing our review of last year's social events which will be pretty much the same this year but will look different because of Covid19.

Last summer several volunteers researched recommendations that homeowners can use to protect our pond and water quality. John Duane created a series of five videos about Lawn Care that can be viewed at [http://hinckleyspondassociation.com/hpa\\_lawn\\_care.html](http://hinckleyspondassociation.com/hpa_lawn_care.html)

Also, please visit [http://www.hinckleyspondassociation.com/hpa\\_environmental.html](http://www.hinckleyspondassociation.com/hpa_environmental.html) to read

“Five ways to Find Safer Household Cleaners” from Matt Brown

“Resident Actions to Reduce Pond Pollution” from Indian Ponds Association

We have an active Facebook page. Linda Underwood is your contact if you want to join it.

**New Business** - Anne took over the meeting from Deb and announced that dues would be waived for another year. A proposal from the Board to donate \$750 each to The Family Pantry of Cape Cod and to WeCan. Jane Anderson. added that she would like to see money also go to Harwich Conservation Trust. Former Association president, Stan Selkow strongly encouraged including the HCT, so it was proposed and approved to donate \$500 each to The Family Pantry of Cape Cod, WeCan, and the Harwich Conservation Trust.

Peter deBakker has accepted the responsibility of being the liaison to the Harwich Conservation Committee and to Heinz Proft of Water Resources to coordinate follow-up to the 2019 alum treatment. He will send a summary of the pond condition report. More monitoring will continue. Surveys of the pond will continue for 10 years. Ralph Anderson offered his input to the water quality regarding the cranberry harvest. Last year an opaqueness to the water was noticed. We will watch for this this year. Storm water runoff from Route 124 may also be a factor. Ralph suggested that HPA could pay for any monitoring needed. Peter will talk to Amy of the Conservation Commission about the monitoring. Bob Einhorn talked about the bog fertilizer playing a part in water quality. Bill Crowell mentioned “green growth” at his end of pond. No one is sure if this is normal or perhaps, we are seeing it because water is clearer.

Anne referred to Deb's email from this morning about a socially distanced boat parade on 9/5/2020 with a rain date of 9/6/2020. Costumes are encouraged, but not required and no prizes will be awarded. She suggested that small parties along the parade route on docks or pond-side yards are a good idea this year. Dates were announced for the full-moon paddles: 7/4; 8/3; 9/3; 10/1.

Also, Neighborhood Block Parties might be a good way to socialize this summer. Organized by Block Captains, these get togethers would take place at the end of your road beginning in July. Everyone would bring their own chairs, drinks & snacks and if the format works, future parties could be arranged.

Ruth Anderson-Zabre is looking into organizing pop-up gatherings at beaches or parks. Another idea is a scavenger hunt. Anyone with ideas on how to make this work is asked to share ideas with Anne or Deb.

Deb is interested in designing a kid boat parade in July with the adults along the sidelines cheering them on. Anyone interested in helping or who have grandchildren or kids that might participate should contact her.

**Association Leadership** – Deb talked about the possible restructuring of the Association from current President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Board. She invited any new members interested in taking on some responsibility to let her know.

Jane Anderson requests a back-up to her position as website manager.

**Story Project** – Stan brought up the history of Hinckleys Pond written by Ingrid Stabins. He encouraged everyone to contribute stories, photos showing why the pond is important to them, why they are here. He and Deb would especially like to hear from those who have been on the pond for many years. Scott Norum mentioned that our website is an ongoing opportunity to share these stories/photos.

**Misc.** – Birds - Several people got into a dialog about the variety of birds around the pond. Stan told us that Hinckleys is a great pond for birding and the second-best pond on Cape Cod for this activity.

Life Jackets – Peter deBakker reminded everyone to wear a life jacket on the pond.

Pond Map – Since we are unable to meet in person, Anne told new members of the pond map on display at annual meetings and the opportunity to put a push pin on your locale.

Acknowledging this unique moment in time, Deb and Anne called for the meeting to adjourn at 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Sacchetti, Acting Recording Secretary