

The Island Pond Association, Stoddard NH 03464
47th Annual Meeting, August 10, 2024

Members and guests of the Island Pond Association (IPA) met at the Stoddard Town Hall at 7 PM for the annual business meeting and a program. There were 30 attendees.

Call to Order - President David Lesser called the business meeting to order at 7pm. Introductions of board members.

Secretary's Report –Charlotte Lesser stated that the meeting minutes from last August were emailed to members for corrections and/or comments. One member emailed her back with a correction. A motion to approve the minutes was unanimously passed.

Membership Report - Charlotte Lesser reported that there were 43 memberships the past year (33 in 2022).

Treasurer's Report - Donald Flemming presented the treasurer's report. Motion to approve the treasurer's report was moved, seconded, and approved unanimously. *Full treasurer's report at the end of the minutes.*

New budget for 2024-25

For the ensuing fiscal year, the Board recommends a contribution of \$25 State of NH nonprofit dues, \$50 to the Loon Preservation Society and \$300 to NH Lakes for the Lake Host program. \$100 for office supplies. Moved, seconded, and approved unanimously. Harriet Beckwith commented that there was supposed to be fire dept donation of \$100 for their work during the flooding last July which was approved at the June 2024 board meeting. C. Lesser checked those minutes and she said that Harriet was correct. A motion was made to amend the budget by adding that donation. That motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Bylaws update D. Lesser stated that as a board of directors we went through the old bylaws and worked on updating them. He mentioned specifically the voting for two board officer positions & voting for all board members (officers & directors) There was a motion & second to approve the new bylaws. Discussion: Bob O'Brien asked about length of time of term of office. Can someone continue to serve after 2 years? Calla Crafts suggested that we don't add a limit of two years. Bob Beltz said if it doesn't say the term is limited in the new bylaws then it's not.

Vote was called and the vote was unanimous. Calla Crafts stated that most board members live on Treelyn Rd and that she would like to get volunteers from all around the lake.

Volunteer Lake Assessment Program (VLAP) – Geof Molina said that generally the water quality is stable. Geof Molina and Steve Jacobs comprise the water testing team and collect water samples four times a year which are sent to the NH DES in Concord. August sampling will be done next week. Results are returned about 1 month later. Visibility is better this year because of less flooding. E coli has been extremely low which is good. Far less cyano blooms this year. Credit to Helen Semmens for keeping an eye out for them. We had a small bloom Memorial Day. Geof mentioned the Lake Smart program from NH Lakes as a good resource for homeowners. The most current VLAP summary report 2023 is on the website. The 2024 VLAP should be on our website by February 2025. Questions from the floor: Calla asked if trees that fall into the lake impact it. Geof said it is not really something we need to worry about but he is not an expert. Brea Arvidson from NH Lakes stated that those create a great habitat for fish laying eggs. Question about monitoring nitrates. Steve Jacobs said it's not an issue. A comment was made that nitrates mostly come from septic systems. A comment was made that all lakes eventually fill in (takes eons!)

Lake Host Program – David Lesser is the treasurer for Island Pond & Highland Lake Lake Host program. He stated that the program is now run by Chase Germaine, a seasonal resident on Highland Lake. This program is run by the NH Lakes Association and both IP and HL associations are required to submit a fee, which is part of our budget, to have the program. The town of Stoddard also contributes a generous monetary amount to allow us to run a program from Memorial Day until mid-September. There is a paid assistant coordinator, Candia Campbell, who handles all the logistics of scheduling and overseeing the hosts at all 3 sites (2 on Route 123 and 1 at the Highland Lake marina). There will not be a final boat survey count until September. Since there is only enough funding and personnel to monitor

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boats on weekends, holidays, and fishing derby days there are obviously boats entering and leaving both lakes during weekdays. Hopefully those boaters read the lake host informational signs at all 3 ramps and check their boats/trailers themselves. To date this season there have been no discoveries of any invasive plants or animals in either lake, which is important to us since the Highland Lake water flows into our lake. Calla Crafts comment: we are dependent on what happens on Highland Lake, so it makes sense to combine the two programs.

Weed Watcher Program – C. Lesser, head of the weed watchers, reported that there are 14 weed watchers who have been out regularly keeping an eye out for invasive weeds & animals both in their designated areas and on the pond in general. As of today, nothing suspicious has been found. She also stated that she has been training volunteers for Highland Lake. By the end of this season there will be 10 trained. Volunteers are always welcome to join the Weed Watchers. A comment was made about how to contact C Lesser. She said that her contact info was on the Island Pond organization webpage.

Slate of Officers – David Lesser presented the slate of Officers recommended by the Board: David Lesser as President and Charlotte Lesser as Secretary. A motion to approve the slate of officers and directors (Bob & Anne O'Brien, David Lesser & Charlotte Lesser, Don & Paula Flemming, Geof Molina, Harriet Beckwith, Sean Flemming.) was moved and seconded with a unanimous vote.

The business meeting was adjourned at 7:36 pm.
Respectively submitted, Charlotte Lesser, Secretary

Brea Arvidson, from NH LAKES and Charlie Krautmann from NH Dam Dept did a presentation on flooding issues. Brea did a PowerPoint of suggestions for mitigating water damage on our properties and recommended the LakeSmart program. Charlie Krautmann gave a history of the dam (dating back to the 1800s!), explained the geology of the area, and updated us on when the Island Pond dam will be able to be controlled remotely from Concord. There was a question & answer period after with D Lesser moderating.

The treasurer's report is on the next page.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

SAVINGS ACCOUNT

GFA Winchester St.

Balance on hand 8/12/23	14372.45
Transfer from checking	1500.00
Interest earned	<u>18.98</u>
Balance on hand 8/10/24	15891.43

CHECKING ACCOUNT

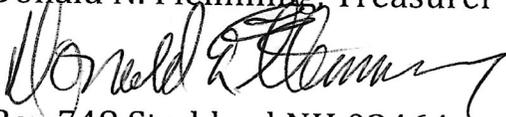
GFA Winchester St.

BOH 8/12/23	920.80
<u>Dues & donations</u>	<u>2460.00</u>
	3380.80
Transfer to savings	<u>1500.00</u>
	1880.80
Gem Graphics	156.00
NH Lakes	300.00
Loon Preservation	<u>50.00</u>
BOH 8/10/24	1374.80

PROPOSED EXPENDITURES 2024-2025

State of NH Non-profit dues	\$25
NH Lakes dues	300
Loon Preservation Society	50
Miscellaneous	100
Deposit on Town Hall	<u>100</u>
Fire Depot	100
	\$575
	<u>100</u>
	675

Donald N. Flemming, Treasurer



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