

Alamoosook Lake Association Membership Meeting 8-3-2021

The members met together via zoom at 6 pm. President Katie Greenman welcomed the members warmly, reminding us of how our stewardship of Alamoosook honors all those who came before us including the Wabanaki. She expressed appreciation to the ALA Board, volunteers, and other members for their continued support and dedication to the association's programs. She then introduced Tristan Taber, our tech support. He familiarized us with the various ins and outs of screen controls. We enjoyed seeing faces we have missed. Secretary Anne Buck Davis reiterated the need for updated information for the directory and reminded us to check the website and FaceBook pages. Treasurer MaryJane Cullinan gave a very thorough report on our finances—our investments (which are earning interest), our stewardship of the Ram Island Conservation grant and the Walton family gift, as well as our dues /donations income and expenses. She thanked Pete Walton, outgoing board member, for his family's generosity.

There was a poll regarding the Board of Directors. We will continue with 8 directors until 2022. We are looking forward to new people stepping up to serve.

Carl Derian informed us about the acquisition by GPMCT of property on the west side of Dead River. This will keep Dead River as a nearly pristine area, a real benefit for the Alamoosook community. GPMCT will be kicking off a campaign to raise funds for this purchase.

John Greenman reported that water quality monitoring shows typical readings for summer. Clarity is in line with previous years. Dissolved oxygen is declining as usual. Phosphate levels are still above the EPA guidelines. We are all grateful for Alamoosook's high flush rate.

Pete Walton gave a report on the Courtesy Boat Inspection program. We only had one paid worker this year, but the boat traffic has been less. No plants on boats or trailers were reported, which we hope means people are becoming educated.

The Alamoosook All Clear paddle team conducted a survey July 12 with the aid of Lucy Leaf, who brought us a sample of milfoil from Big Lake.

Martha Pedrick reported for Fred Blodgett on the Loon Count results: 20 adults, no chicks. Fred did a great job organizing the July 17 event, and will continue in that role. Audubon is exploring artificial nests as an aid to loons. Martha reminded us that giving them space is the biggest help.

A poll was conducted regarding locations for meetings in 2022. The Inn has given us 2 dates of availability, and that seemed to be the preferred choice.

Tad Van Leer introduced our speaker, game warden Christopher Roy. He presented a video explaining the role of the wardens since 1880, and a power point presentation

about their activities and responsibilities. Members were eager to ask questions, and we all gained some knowledge. The meeting and presentation were recorded and will be available on the ALA website as soon as possible.

Thanks to all who attended, Anne Buck Davis, secretary