



ANNUAL MEETING

Hogan Whitney Pond Association (HWPB)

Date: Saturday, June 28, 2025

Time: 9 am

Location: Oxford Rec Center
(223 King Street, Oxford)

Agenda

- I. Greetings & Pledge of Allegiance (Tom)
- II. Call to Order (Tom)
- III. Introductions name, pond (Group)
- IV. State of Maine Legislation Update (Senator Richard Bennett – in person or written)
- V. Town Report from Town Manager (Adam Garland – written)
- VI. 2024 Meeting Minutes (Mark)
- VII. Treasurer Report (Rich)
 - a) 2024 Report - vote to approve
 - b) 2025 budget overview - no need to approve
 - c) 2026 budget proposal - vote to approve
 - d) Invasive report 2024 and plan for 2025 - no need to approve
- VIII. Watershed Report (Bruce)
 - a) DEP Phase II grant – completed
 - b) Water level and temperature weekly reports – see www.hoganwhitneypond.org
 - c) Every other year water quality report prepared by Scott Williams
 - d) Water clarity reports – twice a month in summer – see www.hoganwhitneypond.org
- IX. Open issues/items
 - a) Dam (grade control) evaluation plans (refer to Town Manager report)
 - b) HWPB web site update: www.hoganwhitneypond.org (Bruce)
 - c) Tax Exempt 501c(3) Renewal (Tom)
 - d) July 19 annual statewide loon count (Gabi Mercier)
- X. New business
 - a) Officer Elections
 - b) Question/answer session
- XI. Guest Presentation (Scott Williams): *Maine Lakes in the Era of a Warming Climate*
- XII. Adjournment (Tom)

Annual Donations

We are now offering two levels of donations: (1) \$75 for a household, or (2) \$175 Lake Steward which adds extra contributions for our expanding list of projects. You can either pay online: www.hoganwhitneypond.org; in person at the annual meeting; or by mail at P. O. Box 301, Oxford, ME 04270. All contributions are tax deductible because of our 501c3 status. You can track progress toward our Association goal of \$9000 in 2025 on our website.

Guest Presentation

Maine Lakes in the Era of a Warming Climate

Scott Williams, Limnologist; Lake & Watershed Associates

In recent years, mid-summer surface temperatures in lakes throughout Maine have reached historic highs. On average, ice formation has been taking place later in the fall and early winter, and it has been “going out” much earlier in the spring. While such changes are evident, the effects of warming on lake ecosystems, and on the overall health of our lakes is often less visible – at least for now. Lake scientists are able to measure and predict some of the ways in which lakes are likely to change in a warming climate. But every lake is unique, and lake ecosystems are complex. This presentation discusses what we know, and what we don’t yet know about this complex phenomenon, and what can be done by local lake communities to mitigate the threats to individual lakes.

Visit Our Website!

www.hoganwhitneypond.org

Protect and Preserve our Ponds by Joining LakeSmart

LakeSmart is an education and outreach program that rewards lakefront homeowners who manage their land to protect water quality. The program is free, non-regulatory, voluntary, and confidential. Participating homeowners receive individualized suggestions for keeping pollutants from stormwater out of lake waters. The program involves a site visit to your property by trained volunteers and a report that evaluates the exterior of your property across five areas: (1) driveway/parking areas, (2) house/sheds, (3) outdoor living areas, (4) shoreline, and (5) shoreline buffer.

If your property is protecting water quality, it may merit LakeSmart award signs for display, helping spread the word to neighbors and friends that you’ve committed to keeping our ponds healthy. Whether or not your property merits a LakeSmart award yet, you’ll get written recommendations about what best management practices you may consider to increase your property’s ability to protect pond water quality. You are under no obligation to undertake LakeSmart suggestions. However, the program hopes you will decide to find ways to capture the rain, “slow the flow”, and reduce lake pollutants. You’ll protect water quality, property value and wildlife habitat for many generations to come.