



Friends of HRA Inc.
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Summer 2019

Message from President: I hope you are enjoying the summer! The weather has been lake perfect for gathering and hosting friends and family. I particularly enjoyed the 4th of July and thank all who participated in the boat parade on both the South and North basins. It was one of the best 4th of July weekends!

Feasibility Study: On May 21, at the Annual Town Meeting there was a vote on Article 26 which we asked for funding to repair the causeway/culvert. This is one of the priorities suggested in the feasibility study. Unfortunately, this did not pass. Moving forward, Lake Oversight Committee (LOC) is looking into other grant potential and gathering more information to bring this up again at next year's Town Meeting. LOC has also gone back to the Engineers who presented the draft report requesting they provide a more detailed executive summary; hopefully, we will have more information at our August 24th members meeting. **If anyone is interested in becoming part of the LOC, please let me know. LOC meetings are held at the Town Hall on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.**

I have been involved as President with our Lake Association for over 15 years and together we have accomplished many things, but we have a long way to go. **We need more people to come forward and help with organizing fundraisers, research, writing for grants and contributing in any way.** Our membership has grown to more members than ever before. Our Board can't do it all alone. If you are interested in volunteering your time to this important endeavor, please contact me at mcchoehanson@gmail.com or hamiltonreservoir@gmail.com

Fundraising: Over the past several months, we've had two major fundraisers benefitting Friends of Hamilton Reservoir Association. I would like to thank Al and Jan Puziak for stepping in at the last minute to chair the Annual Pancake Breakfast held at the Community Center. They solicited great raffle prizes from local merchants and our members. I'm happy to report that we raised approximately \$1,000.

On July 13, we hosted the first annual Poker Run/Picnic at the Holland Rod & Gun Club. Special thanks to Kelly Bedard and Jess Chaffee who volunteered to organize this event. Although the turnout was lower than anticipated, this definitely was a lot of fun and we look forward to next year's event. We also want to thank The Maine Attraction, Diana's Restaurant and Frigo's Restaurant for their food contributions. If you have feedback to share that would improve the event for next year; please contact me at mcchoehanson@gmail.com or hamiltonreservoir@gmail.com.

It really does take a village to plan and prepare for these events and we couldn't have done it without the folks who flipped pancakes or hamburger/hot dogs, dock attendants, cleanup crew, etc. Thank you, thank you, thank you!!!

Membership: The FHRA extends a warm welcome to our newest members and thanks to our existing members. Remember, 2019 dues is now \$50. If you sent in dues for \$35, please send in the \$15 to update your dues to \$50. We ask that you continue to encourage your neighbors who are not members to join. Everyone's support to preserve the lake is so important. The FHRA's calendar year runs from 1/1/19 through 12/31/19. We have many members who haven't paid their 2019 dues. Please check the "last paid dues" note at the end of this newsletter to verify if you are current. All donations are tax deductible. Did you know you might be eligible for a matching gift; ask your HR department today if your employer will make your gift have twice the impact.

2020 Calendars: The Hamilton Reservoir photo calendars will be available at August 24th Members Meeting at 8:30 am, Holland Community Center. If you want to reserve your calendars now, please contact me at (508) 361-3216.

Mark Your Calendar		
Aqua Riders Ski Show	08/17/19, 10:00 a.m. Aqua Riders Beach on North basin	
FHRA Member Meeting	08/24/19, 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Holland Community Center	
Paddle Skedaddle	08/25/19, 8:30 a.m. registration; 10:00 a.m. race Aqua Riders Beach on North basin	Canoe, kayak, paddle board race

Pictures from July 4th Boat Parade and July 13th Poker Run – We hope to run these two events in 2020. Please join us for the fun and support the FHRA Preservation Fund for our beautiful lake.





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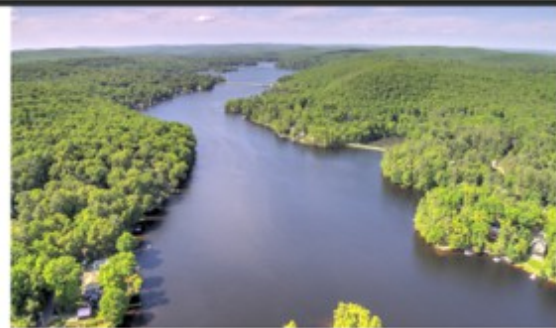
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___\$100 (dues + \$50 donation) ___\$75 (dues +\$25 donation) ___\$50 (dues only 2019)

Payment Method:

Option #1 Online: You can pay your dues online at: **www.hamiltonreservoir.com.**

Option #2 Check: I/we have enclosed a check in the full amount. Please make checks payable to Friends of HRA, Inc. and mail to 27 Sturbridge Rd., Unit 17, Holland, MA 01521.

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Your dues and donations will be received by Friends of Hamilton Reservoir, Inc. a 501(c)3 organization. Remember to ask your employer about non-profit gift matching.

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PLEASE ATTEND OUR MEMBERS MEETING AUGUST 24, 2019: 8:30 refreshments, 9 am business meeting at Holland Community Center – let your non member neighbors or new people to Hamilton Reservoir to join us. We are ALL one lake, let's work together. There is power in numbers. Have a great rest of the summer.