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Message from President: Happy Spring! Thank you for supporting the FHRA’s efforts to purchase the south basin boat launch. The purchase is final and easement documents have been sent out to those who contributed \$500 or more. If you did not receive, please contact me. Also, there are several important events coming up that will impact our lake and community. See the “Mark Your Calendar” section for details.

Feasibility Study: On May 21, the Annual Town Meeting will have a vote on Article 26 asking for funding to repair the causeway/culvert. This is one of the priorities suggested in the feasibility study. Come out & vote. The information that follows is a repeat, but it’s important for all to know and understand. On December 18, 2018 the Holland Lake Oversight Committee as well as the Holland Board of Selectman met to discuss a lake dredging feasibility study conducted by M&M. The full study can be accessed at: <https://town.holland.ma.us/> It was suggested that dry dredging methods should be used, where Hamilton reservoir will be drained to a level where most of the lake bed is exposed. Machinery could then access the lake bed and excavate the soil directly. Once the water level has been lowered, it is estimated to take 2-3 months for work to be completed. Work will most likely be conducted from Oct- April, when lake use is less heavy.

7 areas were targeted for dredging. A cost estimate was given based off three scenarios where the lake bed is dredged to a depth of 12 feet, 10 feet, or 8 feet. Each area can be dredged separately, and it was suggested that the town prioritize Culvert Area 5. Work on Culvert Area 5 includes the replacement of the culvert as well as dredging in the south basin.

Before any dredging activities occur on the lake, it was strongly suggested to the town that sources of sediment runoff be addressed and to repair the causeway/culvert.

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. If you are interested in volunteering your time to this important endeavor, please contact the FHRA.

Membership: Our membership continues to increase with a total of 304 members! Paid members: 28 – 2017; 202 – 2018; 74 – 2019. **2019 membership NOW due.** Remember, 2019 dues is now \$50. If you sent in dues for \$35, please send in the \$15 to update your dues to \$50. The FHRA extends a warm welcome to our newest members and thanks to our existing members. 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. 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.

2019 Calendars: The 2019 Hamilton Reservoir photo calendars will be available at the May meeting.

Mark Your Calendar		
FHRA Member Meeting	05/11/19, 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Holland Community Center	
Holland Annual Town Meeting	05/21/19, 7:00 p.m. Holland Elementary School	Please come out to vote to support Article 26
Annual Pancake Breakfast	06/09/19, 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Tickets will be on sale at the

	Holland Community Center	Members May meeting or email hamiltonreservoir@gmail.com
Milfoil Treatment MA & CT	06/12/19, Wednesday	Please stay off the lake on the day of treatment for at least 24 hours.
Town Election - Election of Town Officials	06/21/19, 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. Holland Community Center	Please come out and vote
4 th of July Boat Parade	07/04/19, 10:00 a.m. Meet at the Causeway	Both North and South basins
Poker Run on the Lake	07/13/19, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. on the lake 3:00 pm - 6 :00 pm. Dinner and prizes at Holland Gun Club, Union Rd. (at end of dirt road)	Tickets will be on sale at the Members May meeting or email hamiltonreservoir@gmail.com Both North and South basins
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 Call Bill at 614 625 0915 or email wterbush@hotmail.com

Trail Committee Events for 2019
Contact: Dick Haller (413) 245-7745

Saturday, April 27th, Sun. May 5th, and Sat. May 18th - Walk a proposed Holland land purchase. Meet in the parking lot at Diane's Villa Nova at 2:00 p.m. for all dates.

Wednesday, May 8th at 1 pm Holland Community Center - Learn about an opportunity to acquire 170 acres for Holland.

Thank you to all of our sponsors!

FHRA MEMBERS MEETING

May 11th, 2019

Holland Community Center

Bring your family and neighbors

Contact Jessica to place your ad in
the next HRA Newsletter!

jesschaffee@gmail.com

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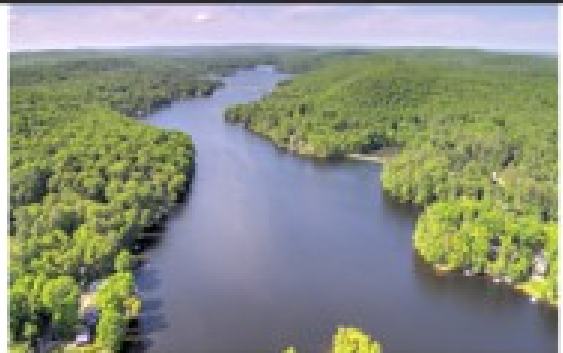
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JOIN THE FHRA MEMBERSHIP – THIS FORM IS FOR 2019 MEMBERSHIP

YOUR 2019 membership dues are just \$50 per family

I/we would like to join the Hamilton Reservoir Association or renew by contributing a total of:
__ \$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.

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip _____

Lake address: _____

Preferred Phone: _____

Email: _____

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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