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Summer, 2021

Message from the President – Christine McCooe

I would like to inform you that I will be retiring from my position as President of the FHRA effective June 1, 2021. My other commitments have become too great for me to be able to fulfill the requirements of my position on the board, and I feel it is best to make room for someone with the time and energy to devote to the job. Thank you for the numerous opportunities that this great association has provided me over the past 15 years. I am so proud of all we have accomplished and have no doubt the board will continue these successes in the future. I am happy to announce that Bob Kamay will be taking on the role of President and I'm confident he will represent you and the lake well. I will continue as advisor to him over the next year, as needed. Thanks, again for giving me the chance to work with such a great association.

We are one lake - let us work together to preserve this precious body of water - OUR Lake. We have power in numbers! We are the ears and eyes of the lake; everyone can help make it a better place – contacting your Town Officials directly will sometimes have more impact.

Message from the Vice President, Robert Kamay

I would like to once again thank everyone who participated in last fall's work party where we manually repaired the south basin boat launch loading area. I think there is general agreement that we should do everything possible to avoid a similar exercise this year. We have done some preliminary investigation to install a concrete pad similar to the state launch in the north basin. Two construction companies viewed the area, and both elected not to quote, indicating their proposals would be cost prohibitive. We have also priced the separate purchase of pre-cast concrete pads specifically designed for boat launch application. The estimated cost for materials exceeds \$30,000. The intent was to separately hire a construction company to install the concrete forms. I have reservations with the "do it yourself" approach given the required investment is considerable and long-term durability of the launch is still an uncertainty. My recommendation is that we hire a contractor to regrade the launch area during this fall's drawdown making the launch area grade steeper and deeper. This approach will be significantly less costly. I believe the largest contributor to damage is many boats are unable to float onto trailers requiring the power loading alternative. I am open to suggestions for alternatives and would appreciate all feedback.

We have been working with the Lake Oversight Committee and the Board of Selectmen to investigate dam maintenance alternatives. Among concerns we are hoping to address are better management of the lake level during drawdown and overall maintenance of the dam area. Requirements for dam safety are strictly enforced by the Massachusetts Dept. of Conservation and Recreation, Dam Safety. Our dam is considered "high risk" due to its size and requires a 3rd party engineering firm inspection every 2 years. Additional information can be found in the Massachusetts Dam Safety web site.

Treasurer's Report - Marian Poe-Heineman

The following balances ending are as of April 2021:

Main Checking Account (Operating Account)	\$19,587.59
Preservation Account	\$111,654.45
South Basin Boat Launch	\$ 30,905.16
Total Funds	\$162,147.20

Operating Account Results through 10 months:

Total Revenue	\$18,800.44
Total Expenses	\$ 4,178.22
Excess Revenues > Expenses	\$14,622.22

Lake Preservation Interest \$175.63

South Basin Boat Launch:

Total Revenue	\$ 178.98
Total Expenses	\$ 921.69
Excess Revenues>Expenses	\$ (742.71)

Environment and Safety Report, Tom Wilhelm

In 2020, three herbicide treatment events were conducted.

1. On June 17th, the first treatment was conducted with Tribune (active ingredient: diquat) targeted areas of variable milfoil growth observed during the early season survey plus several additional areas that were found on the day of treatment. A total of 35 acres were treated.
2. On August 17th, the second treatment was conducted with Tribune and Nautique (Chelated copper) herbicides targeting areas of nuisance tapegrass, pondweeds and any re-growth or new areas of milfoil observed in the mid-season survey. At this time, the boat ramp cove was also treated with diquat and Red Eagle (flumioxazin) for control of fanwort. Approximately 20-acres were treated during this effort.
3. On September 14th, areas of floating leaf plants (mostly watershield) were treated in selected areas of both basins using the AquaPro (glyphosate) herbicide. As in the past, notification was given to the Town, the Association, and all other required parties prior to each treatment. In addition to this notification, the shorelines of the reservoir were thoroughly posted by the HRA with printed signs, warning of the pending treatment and any use or re-entry restrictions.

Planned treatments for 2021:

- June 17th - targeted areas of variable milfoil growth
- July 28th - targeted areas of tapegrass and pondweed

Lake Oversight Committee (LOC) - Lynn Johnson

The Lake Oversight Committee (LOC) is an advisory committee reporting directly to the Select Board. We are comprised of representatives of the Select Board, Planning Board, Conservation Commission, Friends of the Hamilton Reservoir Association (FHRA) and ad hoc members. Our mission is to facilitate lake and watershed maintenance, safety, and preservation. Projects include:

- Dam Inspection: Collaborated with the FHRA and Select Board to address concerns raised in previous dam inspections as we prepare for upcoming inspection, including Obtaining Maintenance and Operations Manual, Updating Emergency Action Plan, and Removing Vegetation around the Spillway

With the help of the Select Board, we have sent out Request for Proposal.

- Storm Water Management: Contacted Pioneer Valley Planning Commission to obtain template and have made contact with several towns to see if they could provide insight on their plans and approach.
- Weed Treatment: Submitted Requests for Proposal to 3 vendors. Responses are due by the end of May with review and selection targeted for the end of June.

Board members include Doug Cayer, Chair; Lynn Johnson, Co-Chair and Secretary, Sam Spratlin, Conservation, Dori Ference, Planning Board; Dawn Kamay and Bob Kamay, Adhoc Members.

Membership Report – Ellen Spratlin

Here are our most up to date paid membership details as of 5/14/21: **206 memberships**

We just sent out emails to members who have not paid since 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020. Please contact Ellen Spratlin at ctsprat@gmail.com if you have any questions. It's never too late to send in your dues! Thank you all for your continued support in helping to keep our Lake beautiful.

Fundraising Preview – Bo & Donna Maryyanek

We had a great time with the few events we were able to hold last year during the quarantine restrictions. Listed below are several fundraisers to benefit the FHRA such as:

- Summer Cornhole League will run from June 1 through July 30th. Guidelines are posted on Facebook and available upon request. The team challenges will be pulled the end of May so register and pay before then if you're interested. A second challenge will most likely be held August and September.
- The Pancake breakfast will not happen in June due to CDC guidelines still in place. Possibly later in the year.
- The lake poker run will occur July 10th followed by awards and a cookout at the Holland rod & Gun Club for participants as well as anyone who wants to meet other lake residents.
- Christmas in July is in the works for July 22-31. Half of the proceeds would be awarded in prize money would be awarded to entrants for best display voted on in Survey Monkey. In need of a Co-Chair from the North Side to help make this a lake wide event.
- Lake side scavenger hunt in the works for September 4, 2021 with half of the proceeds would be awarded in prize money. In need of a Co-Chair from the North Side to help make this a lake wide event.
- Dock-er-treat will happen again on September 18th with a rain date of September 25th if needed. This is not a fund raiser, but a fun way to wrap up the summer season for kids and families. The trophy will be passed to the new best dressed/decorated winner by vote. We may do a prize for best boat, best yard/house and best dressed water skier.

Please let us know if you are interested in volunteering. We will need volunteers all of the events. We're looking forward to meeting more lake life folks as we organize and play in these fun events. See you this summer. Contact Bo at his email: Robert.Maryyanek@gmail.com or Donna at her email: birdsong123@aol.com.

Excerpts from the Town of Holland's Bylaw, Chapter 12

12.1: PURPOSE: The rules contained herein are enacted for the purpose of guiding those who utilize for recreation the inland waters of the Town of Holland, by establishing regulations in order to ensure safety and to maintain the integrity of the water and its surroundings.

12.2 AUTHORITY: In addition to the ordinances contained within this document, regulations are established and enforced pursuant the General Laws...Federal Navigation Rules for Inland Waters...

12.3.6 HEADWAY SPEED: The minimum speed at which a vessel may be operated and maintain steerage way, but not to exceed six (6) MPH...

12.4 GENERAL GUIDELINES

12.4.1: All vessels shall be operated in a safe and courteous manner while maintaining safe speeds and distances which depend on the conditions...include but are not limited to, wind, water, visibility, traffic density, maneuverability and the proximity of navigational hazards, shorelines, swimming areas, docks, ramps and other vessels.

12.4.2: No person shall operate any vessel or personal watercraft in a manner which fails to exercise the degree of care necessary to prevent the endangering of life, limb, or property of any person... Negligent operation includes but is not limited to those who operate at a speed >45mph, those who operate erratically, or at a high speed in a congested area...

12.5.1: All power-driven vessels shall travel in a counterclockwise direction....

12.5.2: All power-driven vessels shall yield right of way and allow proceeding with precedence all swimmers and non-power-driven vessels

12.5.3: No power-driven vessel shall exceed headway speed while operating in narrows, coves....

12.5.4: On the waters of Hamilton Reservoir, all power-driven vessel speed shall be limited to no greater than headway speed from sunset until sunrise and shall be limited to no greater than 6mph until 11:00am Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays...

12.5.6: No vessel shall tow more than two (2) persons simultaneously...

12.5.7: All vessels engaged in towing persons...shall be occupied by an observer, other than the operator, at least 12 years of age, who shall be constantly observing the persons being towed.

12.6.2: No person operating a personal watercraft (PWC) shall tow any person in any manner.

12.6.3: No person shall dispose of ...garbage or any other debris into or upon inland waters

12.6.6: No person shall carry or transport on any vessel any open container as defined in G.L.c.90, sec. 24, which contains alcoholic beverage

12.8: ENFORCEMENT

12.8.1: It shall be the responsibility of the Police Dept. and authorized police employees to conduct enforcement...

12.8.3: Police employees shall be authorized to inspect any vessel at any stage of or during the initiation of a voyage for the purposes of ensuring said vessel contains the proper equipment and is properly registered.

A complete version of the Lake Regulations – Chapter 12 By-Law can be found on the Town of Holland website under Lake Oversight Committee – under Lake Information – we suggest you print out the entire by law and have it available in your Lake home. You will also find the Dock Regulations ByLaw.



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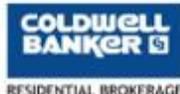
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Payment Method:

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: _____

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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.

If any of your information has changed, Name, Mailing Address, etc., please use this form when sending in your dues or donations. If we do NOT have your email, send that information to us. We communicate by email during the year.

IF YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR 2021 (CURRENT) IS NOT PAID BY JUNE 30, 2021 YOUR MEMBERSHIP WILL BE LAPSED & YOU WILL NO LONGER RECEIVE THE NEWSLETTER & OTHER LAKE RELATED INFORMATION. THANK YOU.

~ Please try to attend Select Board, Conservation, Lake Oversight Committee & other Town meetings – the lake people need to be heard. FHRA needs your help expressing your concerns. You can find agendas on the Town Web Site.

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