

2020 Appeal letter

Greetings from your Thomas Pond Improvement Association (TPIA) Board of Directors. Our responsibility is to monitor the lake level in accordance with the state-mandated management plan, measure the water quality, and, monitor the general health and welfare of the water and the species whose livelihood depends upon it throughout the year.

Due to COVID-19, we were unable to reserve a public location for the 2020 annual membership meeting. Therefore, we are sending out this letter in lieu of the meeting.

No meeting due to COVID

Secretary's Report, Sue Chapin: If you would like a copy of the 2019 general membership meeting minutes, please email chapin780@aol.com, and a copy will be forwarded.

Treasurer's Report, Christine Bradbury: There is a balance of \$11,051.15. Income totaled \$3040 which was raised from the 2019 appeal in which 69 households contributed. Expenses totaled \$1240.84 which were for replacement boards and rebar for the dam, postcards and mailing for the 2019 appeal, phosphorus testing of the lake, bulky waste disposal (clearing vegetation from around the dam), funding extra CBI coverage, and mailing the dissolved oxygen meter to Auburn for inspection and calibration.

Lake Update, Bob Chapin, President: We had a very successful workday at the dam last fall. Vegetation that was encroaching on the dam enclosure was trimmed back to enable easier access. All control boards were replaced with new timbers and the area between the two slots where the boards are placed was also cleaned out. Sand bags were installed to reduce the wear running water creates on the concrete side of the spillway.

Beaver Activity: This spring, a resident called the game warden concerning beaver activity in the area of Libby Rd. An animal control officer checked the area and noted that, at this time, there is not sufficient activity to warrant removal of a beaver. In order to do so, the level of beaver activity must impede the flow of water into the lake or flood nearby property.

Water Quality & Level: Dick Horr, Water Quality Monitor, records lake readings twice per month from May to October and reports his findings to Lake Stewards of Maine (LSM). There was a small anomaly in the lake this spring in that clarity was lower (4.5 meters). This was due to the presence of an algae, later presumed by LSM to be *gloeotrichia*, which can appear in lakes anytime from May through the summer. This occurred simultaneously with a pronounced odor: fortunately both the algae and odor lasted only about a week. Subsequent testing by Dick did not show the algae and clarity increased to about 6.5 meters.

TPIA Board: We are always looking for new board members. If you are interested, please call Bob at 207-655-1028 or email chapin780@aol.com.

Dues: Annual dues remain \$25 and are payable to TPIA. Please complete the information below and mail dues to:

Christine Bradbury, 42 Marion Way, Falmouth, ME 04105.

We thank you in advance for your support so that we may keep our processes and equipment running. We hope to see you, in person, at the 2021 annual meeting.

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