

Indian Ponds Association, Inc.

2023 Nominating Committee Report

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2023 Candidates

Rachel Jones - Regency Drive

This year, the Nominating Committee recommends advancing Rachel Jones from her current position as an associate director to a director position. Rachael has been a great supporter of IPA initiatives and conveys a unique perspective that focuses on vulnerable populations be it human, plant, or animal. We look forward to publishing some of her photographs in the IPA Newsletter.

Bio: Rachel Jones, PhD, RN, FAAN

Rachel Jones has had a diverse career founded on the need to address health disparities. She was an emergency room nurse in NYC and Newark, NJ, during the dawn of the HIV/AIDS pandemic. She went on to attain a Master of Science in Family Primary Care, becoming a family nurse practitioner. She completed her PhD at New York University (NYU) focusing on HIV prevention in young adult urban women. It was in this field of inquiry that she received independent research grants from the National Library of Medicine and the National Institute of Nursing Research at the National Institutes of Health. She also served for two years as a member of the Advisory Committee of the Office of Research on Women's Health at the National Institute of Health, and as an Ad Hoc Reviewer for the NIH Special Emphasis Panel (HIV Prevention) Scientific Review Group.

She was a tenured faculty at Rutgers, the State University of NJ, and most recently retired as Assistant Dean of Research at the School of Nursing at Northeastern University in Boston. Her methods of promoting health in target populations has been to find creative ways to communicate public health messages. Communicating complex health information into relevant and familiar messages to target populations is a key skill she may bring to IPA Board.

She is a full-time resident in Marstons Mills and enjoys hiking daily with her dogs and kayaking on Mystic Lake. She is deeply concerned about the fragile ecosystems on Cape Cod, particularly the ponds. She is designated a juried fine art photographer at the Cape Cod Art Center with a focus on Cape Cod landscape photography.

Tom Hamilton - Hollidge Hill

The Nominating Committee is delighted to recommend Tom Hamilton for a director position. Tom has demonstrated great passion for the lakes and the surrounding neighborhoods and is enthusiastic to help the IPA with fresh water initiatives. It is no wonder the Barley Hill Association recently elected him as their president. We look forward to tapping into some of his analytical skills.

BIO: Tom Hamilton

Tom Hamilton and his wife Sue bought their home on Hamblin Pond in 2019 and moved from Connecticut full-time in 2022. Prior to retiring in 2021, Tom held a variety of leadership roles in research, technology and analytics, and most recently led the data science function at Voya Financial. He holds an MBA from Carnegie Mellon University, as well as master's degrees in psychology and in computer science from the University of Illinois.

Tom and Sue enjoyed many summer vacations on the Cape with their three daughters while they were growing up. They now enjoy hosting frequent visits from family and friends, especially by their five grandchildren. When not on the Cape, Tom and Sue enjoy traveling to Europe and visiting U.S. National Parks throughout the year, and spending time in Florida during the winter.

Tom is pleased to be joining the Indian Ponds Association board, and looks forward to learning about and working to preserve these precious resources. As a member of the IPA board, Tom will serve as the liaison to the residents of the Barley Hill (Hollidge Hill Lane) Association, where he also serves as president.

Scott Borden – Regency Drive

As a candidate for associate director, Scott has already exhibited a willingness to help the IPA with the annual meeting.