

Indian Ponds Association Annual Meeting  
July 18, 2022  
Held at John and Deirdre Kayajan's home  
Heath Row, Marstons Mills

1. **Call to order, welcome and introduction.** IPA president Emory Anderson opened the meeting at 4:05 p.m. He noted this is the IPA's 64<sup>th</sup> annual meeting, thanked Deirdre and John Kayajan for hosting again this year, and acknowledged Cotuit Liquors, Stop & Shop Marstons Mills and Trader Joe's for their refreshment contributions. Emory introduced the current IPA directors and associate directors present and their roles. He recognized our keynote speaker Leslie Jonas. For the next part of the meeting, members were invited to refer to the documents attached to the meeting agenda: the draft minutes of the 2021 annual meeting, the 2021 Treasurer's financial report, the Nominating Committee Report, and the proposed changes to IPA By-Laws
2. **Minutes of the 2021 annual meeting.** Having invited comments and questions from those present and receiving none, a motion to accept the minutes of the 2021 Annual Meeting was made, seconded, and unanimously accepted.
3. **Treasurer's financial Report:** Greg Cronin referred members to the attached financial report, stating that we had \$600 more income than the previous year and \$12,000 less expenses. Having invited comments and questions from those present and receiving none, a motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made, seconded, and unanimously accepted.
4. **Nominating Committee Report.** Peter Atkinson announced that Emory Anderson is stepping down after 21 years in the IPA. He will still be available for consultation. Peter detailed a history of Emory and Geri Andersons' many contributions to the IPA through the years and awarded Emory the Order of the Turtle. Peter also announced a new Emory and Geri Anderson scholarship award in an amount to be determined for educational pursuit and care of fresh water and environmental studies. Others stepping down at the end of their term are Betsy Godley, Barry Schwartz, Jim McGuire and himself, Peter Atkinson.  
  
Peter advised that the nominating committee consisted of Kathy Bryan, Maggie Fearn, and Peter Atkinson. The nominees for new board members directors are: John Chiniara, Richard Creeth, Tom Odjakjian, Robert Reynolds, and Carol Sim.
5. **Election of Directors.** There being no nominations from the floor, the slate of candidates presented in the Nominations Report was accepted, all attending voted in favor.
6. **Approval of changes to IPA By-laws .** Section 2 of Article 6 of the bylaws states "withdrawal in excess of \$500 will require the signature of the president and treasurer. Withdrawal of funds in excel of \$1000 will require the approval of the board of directors." It was proposed that these amounts be increased to \$1,000 and \$1,500 respectively. Maggie Fearn moved to approve the change, which was unanimously approved.

7. **President's report:** Emory summarized some of the IPA's recent activities:
- Last year Emory and Bill Hearn gave a 3-hour course in limnology- the study of the physical and biological nature of freshwater ponds.
  - A successful Lake Cleanup was held to remove benthic barriers that had been placed on the bottom in various locations in an attempt to suppress the growth of Hydrilla, as well as a large number of automobile tires on Middle Pond.
  - Water clarity was reported at 6 meters on Hamblin Pond, 5 feet on Middle Pond, and 3 meters on Mystic Lake and was cited as a prime indicator of the of the ponds.
  - The town and APCC websites regularly post the status of Cape Cod ponds. Mystic had 2-3 pet advisories in June. The APCC monitoring map shows the status of Mystic and Hamblin as having "potential for concern" but the town of Barnstable website does not.
  - The annual Hydrilla treatment for Mystic Lake and a bit of Middle Pond was supposed to occur this week, but the treatment was delayed due to contractual problems. It is the 8<sup>th</sup> year that the town has provided treatment. Ten consecutive years of treatment are needed to eliminate hydrilla.
  - The IPA's opposed the proposed construction of a 72-foot permanent dock on Middle Pond. Three meetings were held with the Conservation Commission to discuss the issue. A shorter dock was approved. The installation of helical piles ( 18" permanent posts that stick up in the water) was also opposed. The matter has been appealed to MASS DEP. No decision has yet been rendered.
  - In June Emory and several other IPA members attended the first Cape Cod Ponds Network Meeting sponsored by APCC and Cape Cod Commission. Phosphorus causes problems in the ponds, not nitrogen, which affect estuaries. The meeting via Zoom was well attended.
  - This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> year the IPA has requested alum treatment from the Town. Two years ago, a study by Ken Wagner recommended moderate additional treatment. However, the town has not agreed to fund the treatment. Currently the treatment is 12 years old. It could last 20 years Emory recommended that the new board keeps hammering at the town to provide the treatment.

Emory thanked the entire board for their work, noting that Peter Atkinson will be a hard act to follow He asked the new board to meet directly following the annual meeting.

8. **Presentation of Schwarm Memorial Scholarship to Nina Barrette:** Betsey Godley presented the Edward Schwarm Memorial Scholarship to Nina Barrett, a graduate from Cape Cod Regional Technical School's Environmental Technology program. She has interned with Sandwich's DNR, volunteered with AmeriCorps, and worked at Envirtech Labs She is currently enrolled at UMass Amherst studying for a career in environmental science and conservation.
9. **Other Business:** Butch Roberts reported the Alum treatment is estimated to cost \$175,000. The town has not approved it and the Association may need to take steps on its own via a private/public partnership. He wants to establish a committee to explore the idea. Those interested in volunteering should let Butch know.

10. **Guest speaker: Leslie Jonas, Vice-Chairwoman, Native Land Conservancy.** Emory introduced Leslie to the audience. Her presentation focused on the importance of water in our lives, calling it a living entity, and cautioning that its health will affect the next seven generations. Leslie shared a video that featured three Wampanoag environmentalists including NLC's Founder Ramona Peters. Ms. Peters cautioned that the Cape's seasonal population has no commitment to the water and that it is clear we will not give up our comforts even to save the planet, so we need to make those comforts healthier, for example by planting native plants and going back to sustainable living. Another environmentalist said the Wampanoag are trying to find the springs in the rivers to find clear water.
11. **Meeting Adjourn.** There being no further business or questions, Emory closed the meeting at 5:10 p.m.

**Annual Meeting attendance:**

There were approximately 70 members and guests in attendance. **Current and incoming board members attending:** Emory Anderson, Peter Atkinson, Betsey Godley, Greg Cronin, Maggie Fern, Bill Hearn, Sandra Leo-Clark, Butch Roberts, Nicole Sturgis, John Chiniara, Richard Creeth, Tom Odjakian, and Carol Sim.

Submitted by:

Wendy Bierwirth

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