

Lake Parker Association Newsletter

December, 2009

Lake Parker VIP Program

Last August about a dozen attendees spent an afternoon with Dr Leslie Matthews and Misha Cetner of the Dept of Environmental Conservation, Water Quality Division, as they provided hands on and in water training for the VT Invasive Patrollers (VIP) program. This program was designed for the early detection of aquatic VT invasive species as well as the identification of native common plants beneficial to lake waters. This information will be passed on to other LPA members at a Spring coffee hour or visit on line

www.vtwaterquality.org/lakes.htm. Our thanks to Leslie and Misha for taking time on a Sunday afternoon to visit

Lake Parker and to Dave and Gail Washburn for hosting the session at their home on Parker Road.



Dr. Leslie Matthews (center) verifies the choice of Barb Schribner, Linda Alderton and John Washburn

Emails Wanted

The LPA is looking to collect email addresses from as many members as possible.

We know there's never enough time and money, especially for our Association. If you regularly use email, please send us your email address when you send in your membership form. This will enable us to get you your newsletter for free and in a more timely fashion.

Right now, it costs several hundred dollars to print and mail the newsletter, plus labor to print, stuff and mail. Help the newsletter go electronic and save paper, money, and time.

To Glenn and Nancy Barber, from the LPA, with Affection and Thanks

A Special Summer Home.....

A walk or a drive around Lake Parker brings you close to Glenn and Nancy Barber's blue cottage at the water's edge at 441 West Shore Road. This cottage has such wonderful history we want to share it with you.

The original structure of the cottage was part of the old sawmill in W Glover, formerly located on Roaring Brook, just across the road from the current W Glover ambulance building.

That's Clyde Barber, Glenn's Dad, on the peak of the building as it was being moved in 1917 by teams of horses to its current location. With its placement, the building became the first camp on West Shore and one of the first seven summer homes on the Lake. Clyde added the lakeside porch and upstairs dormer in 1920. Clyde Barber was raised in the house just below the Lake Parker Country Store while Glenn's mother, Floy Webster lived in the residence at the W Glover store owned and operated by her par-



ents. In 1927, after their marriage, Clyde & Floy Barber moved to St. Johnsbury.

As written in his mother's diary, Glenn's first visit to Lake Parker was July 4, 1931 at the age of eight months. Glenn spent summers at the Lake for the next twenty years, with his mother, brother, Dale and

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Heard Around the Lake—Brief Notes from the LPA and the Surrounding Community

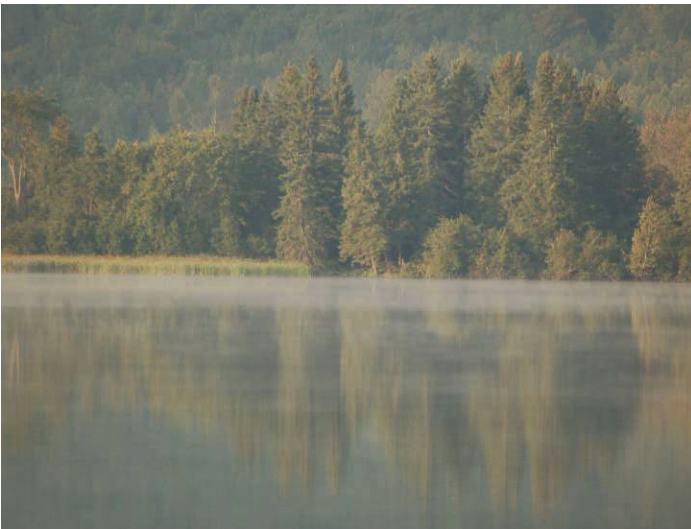
LPA Seeks Nominations for President

After three years as the LPA President, Rick Blanchard is stepping down in order to devote his time to his family and business. Rick would like to than the association for the opportunity to serve. Please be thinking of nominations or step forward yourself to serve your community in this capacity.

Elections will be held at the LPA Annual Meeting in summer 2010.

Photographs Wanted

The LPA is looking for new photographs as well as old images of the lake. After seeing Glenn and Nancy Barber's early 1900 pictures of their camp, we want to make sure that theirs and others are archived for Glover and the Lake Association. If you have prints we can borrow and copy, please contact Becky Holden at vtbecky@live.com. The LPA is calling on all photographers in our midst to take pictures of the lake. As soon as the web site is up and running, we'll want your best shots.



Walking Trail Update

Ken Kasz reports that the walking trail remained open and in pretty good shape during the summer and fall months. Once the almost daily rain stopped the trail was able to dry out.

The one beaver dam that was causing flooding onto the trail is no longer in use by the beaver. The grass has been trimmed and the few trees that had fallen have been removed. John Urie built and installed a wooden box for the sign in book. People from in and out of Vermont have been signing in the book on their way around the lake. Hopefully you had a chance to walk the trail during the season.

Anyone with questions about the trail or an interest in helping with maintenance should contact Ken at kenkasz@yahoo.com. The LPA would like to thank Ken for his fine work on the trail.

Membership Update

The LPA is pleased to have 88 paid members at the end of our 2009 membership drive. Thank you for your continued support. New maps were distributed to our members by Labor Day. If your map did not find you for some reason, please email Becky Holden at vtbecky@live.com.

Annual Coffee Hour

We will return to Madeleine and Ron Ducham's home in June for their annual coffee hour. It's a great way to start out the LPA's summer projects, and it is always good food, company, and information sharing. More information will be forthcoming in the Spring.

Have a Place to Rent on the Lake?

The Maple Manor Bed and Breakfast in West Glover, www.maple-manor.com frequently has wedding guests looking for a place to stay nearby. Contact Diana Mudgett at 802 525-3245 if you would like to have your place listed with them for rental.

Wastewater Improvements Plan, Project Summary

The West Glover pump stations and force main have been constructed and are in full operation. Due to remaining grant funds from the project, the Town intends to construct and extend the force main down Parker Rd. to serve and connect as many existing properties to the system as possible this summer. Due to the long length of force main required to connect the first house, approximately seven (7) homes are planned to be connected. A plan of the work pro-

posed to be constructed in 2010 is available.

The estimated cost to construct and connect these seven homes is \$215,000. The total estimated cost to complete the project around the lake is \$2,600,000. The recommendation would be to construct in two separate contracts and apply to USDARural

Development for the funding. The Town has not applied for any additional funding as of this time. An

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MINUTES FOR LAKE PARKER ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING 07/11/2009

Meeting called to order at 6:45 pm by President Rick Blanchard.

Secretary's Report: Minutes read and accepted with the correction; (price of lunch being provided for the Washburn's) and (action was taken to see if survey completed.)

Treasurer's Report: Total balance \$22,578.22

CD \$15,704.76

Savings \$1,115.07

Checking \$ 5,758.39

Income \$2,443.31

Expenses \$1,162.00

Voted to take money out of savings and put it into another CD for better interest rate.

Vice-President's Report: As of this date we have 49 paid memberships. The E-mail addresses are going to be checked to make sure we have correct addresses so that the newsletter and messages can be sent by email. We remembered the members who had passed away during the year, Ed Urie and George Young.

Land Use and Conservation Committee: Committee will meet July 12, 2009. Will set up calendar and go over Lake Survey, Lake Shore survey and Water Shed Survey. Hope to have this done by Fall.

Home Protection and Water Quality: Bob Richards reported the water quality has been terrible due to all the rain we have had this spring. There was one break in and it was reported to the state police.

Web Site: Don Trudell reported that we have domain name and a new host site that gives us unlimited space. The Association is looking for historical documents and pictures about the lake that can be put on the site. E-mail to dtrudell@gmail.com.

Walking Path: Ken Kasz reports that the path has a couple of muddy spots, the new sign in box is at the head of the trail and that some new beavers have moved in. Mary Smith offered a 22 ft. dock to be used as a bridge.

Weed Harvesting: We have received \$650.00 grant money. Rich Little will research suction harvesting.

Newsletter: Anne Benning, abenning@ix.netcom.com, is going to try to do the newsletter by E-mail. If you have any information you want to include please have information to her by September 15th.

Old Business:

Executive Board: Was voted in for a two-year term.

Vice President Becky Holden

Secretary Judy Borrell

Treasurer Joyce Croteau

Access Road: No report

Glover Day: voted to send \$75.00 donation to Recreation Department.

Gas Money: It was voted to reimburse Bob Richards for his gas, rather than giving him \$75.00 because of a liability issue.

Fish Stocking: There was no stocking of trout this year.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Judy Borrell, Secretary.

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overall conceptual plan for the rest of the Lake is available.

The ultimate long-term goal of the community is to better protect the water quality of Lake Parker. Due to the small camp lots, high groundwater levels and poor soils, the majority of the on-site systems function marginally at best.

Due to the on-site septic system rule changes, several residents constructed replacement systems to avoid future permitting. However, even in doing so the groundwater table, poor soils and small lots are still problematic. The ultimate resolution to alleviate further deterioration of the water quality of Lake Parker is to install a collection system to serve the camps and houses located around the lake.

The low-pressure sewer system consists of individual grinder pump systems with small diameter

force mains connected to a larger diameter force main. An individual pump station consisting of a grinder pump in a high-density polyethylene (HDPE) tank would be constructed just outside each house. The pump controls would be mounted on the house and wired to each individual house. The standard force main (pressure pipe) from each grinder pump station would consist of a 1-1/4 inch diameter HDPE plastic pressure pipe. The larger force main collection system would consist of 2, 3 and 4-inch diameter pressure pipe.

The future project could be funded with a USDA-RD grant / loan similar to the Phase I project recently completed. The best possible financing at this point in time would be a 45% grant and a 55% loan. The funding would result in a potential loan of \$1,441,000 with an estimated annual debt retirement of \$76,000. The normal interest rate for FMHA/USDA-RD loans over the past 30 years has been

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sister, Katherine with Dad visiting on weekends and holidays from work.

A Special Summer Resident.....

Glenn was one of the original charter members of the LPA and served many terms as vice-president of the Association as well contributing active involvement in numerous committees. Glenn also spent countless hours on the LPA-owned weed harvester, probably far more than any other LPA member or resident, cutting weeds to keep the lake clear for recreational use for everyone. It was also a common summer sight to see Glenn, with his dog, making their rounds around Parker, keeping us up to date and sharing many a story. We hope we were also there for him during Nancy's illness and subsequent amazing recovery.

We were all sad to see the "For Sale by Owner" sign at the Barber's this summer. We wish the best to Glenn and Nancy and hope their visits to Lake Parker will be frequent. To date, the cottage has not been sold and remains, as it has for the past 92 years, the Barber's cottage on the Lake. If you wish to contact Glenn Barber regarding this property he can be reached at (802)893-2086 in Milton, VT.

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5.25-5.50 %. The new rate at this time is 3 ¼ % for 30 years. For the 130 additional users, the annual debt service cost is estimated to be \$585 per user if all of the new debt were to be paid by the additional users. In order to apply for funding, a bond vote is a requirement. There are several options available to the Town and sewer users to apply for the funding.

This report was prepared by Leach Engineering Consulting. Keep updated on this and other issues with Select Board Minutes at Town of Glover website: www.townofglover.com

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Scenes from the Regatta

