

Greetings from Lake Parker

As I sit here watching Lake Parker with a two foot chop caused by sustained 40 mph winds from the south, I wonder when we will really see the change that we all long for- Summer. I recall talking with an associate in NYC about Vermont weather. When he asked what it was really like, I told him that it was the only place that you could scrape ice from your windshield with one hand and swat mosquitoes with the other.

Soon we will all be enjoying the great weather and the other wonders that abound near the "greatest little lake in

Vermont".

We are entering another year of challenge and opportunity for our organization. Listed below are some of the goals and objectives with work in progress:

Revisiting and updating the 1999 Watershed Survey Results and Recommendations

Streamlining of the organizational structure to meet today's needs

Completion of the new LPA website

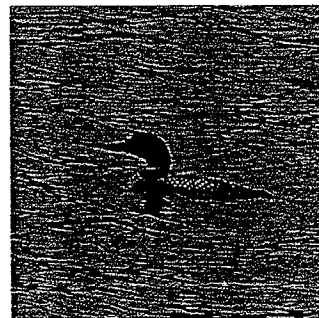
Participating in the Northeast Kingdom Lakeshore Buffering Program

We must all work together to be effec-

tive in protecting our watershed and I encourage you to become an active and involved member of the Lake Parker Association.

Thank you and be well.

Richard G. Blanchard
President LPA



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 provide us with 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.

Pioneer Day Camp Returns in 2009

The ever-popular Pioneer Day Camp, run by Betsy Day and Randy Williams, will run this year from June 29 through July 3 from 8:30-3:00. This year's theme is Runaway Pond, in preparation for the 200th anniversary celebration of the event which happened on June 6, 1810.

Each about 40 campers from Glover or nearby towns take part in Pioneer Day Camp. Campers will take

nature hikes, learn pioneer skills, do crafts, and learn the history of Glover. They also get in a bit of swimming in the lake.

Camp activities take place up at the old settlement on the Hinman Road just above Randy and Betsy's house on Parker Road.

If anyone would like to help with the camp please contact Randy Williams or Betsy Day at 525-4051.

Help for Lakefront Homeowners

The Orleans County Natural Resource Conservation District (OCNRCD) has an exciting new program to offer to lake and pond front owners in Orleans County.

The Northeast Kingdom Lakeshore Buffering Program (NEKLB). NEKLB is a great opportunity for waterfront landowners to plant a riparian buffer at a nominal cost.

NEKLB is a cost share program that will pay up to 80% of the total costs of native trees and shrubs to be planted on a waterfront.

The program is simple and straight forward, there is no contract. The OCNRCD will make one site visit and then deliver your shrubs and trees. We ask that you don't remove, cut or transplant any of the (continued on page 4)

Notice of Annual Meeting

The Annual Potluck and Business Meeting of the Lake Parker Association will take place on July 11, 2009 at the West Glover Congregational Church. The dinner will begin at 5:30 p.m. The business meeting will start at 6:30. Come with your favorite dish to share in fun, fellowship and our shared mission(s) for Lake Parker. Utensils and beverages will be provided. Any questions? Email Rick Blanchard at rickblanchard@wildblue.net or Bob & Mickey Richards at mrichards@nevaaa.org

Lake Parker Association, Inc 2009 Membership Dues Form

The Lake Parker Association (LPA) needs your membership and support. The \$25.00 annual membership fee is the source of funds for supplementing the costs of meetings, upkeep of the weed harvesting machine, insurance, required dues, and for such projects as deemed appropriate for the benefit of the Lake Parker Watershed by the Membership, the Executive Committee, and the Standing Committees, such as Land Use & Conservation, Walking Path, Weed Harvesting & Water Quality.

Name(s):- _____

Map No: _____

911 Address: _____

*(Very important to post this roadside for
emergency assistance response)*

Local Phone Number: _____

Other Contact Number: _____

(Please update email address and list any changes for mailing purposes):

The Association also depends on volunteers to keep the Lake healthy and safe for you and your families. We ask you review the following list for those projects of interest in contribution of time and/or your experience

_____ *Glover Day Table*

_____ *Boat Access Monitoring*

_____ *Weed harvesting*

_____ *Walking Path Maintenance*

_____ *Grant Planning/ Writing*

_____ *Meetings: Setup/ Refreshments*

_____ *Lake Protection Projects*

_____ *Newsletter and/or Website*

Please mail this completed membership form and annual dues of \$25 by June 30th to:

Lake Parker Association, Inc.

PO Box 40

W Glover, VT 05875

MINUTES FOR LAKE PARKER ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING 06/28/2008

West Glover Congregational Church
West Glover, VT

increase to \$650.00 after we have paid our dues. The harvesting period is June 15 to September 15.

that goes around the lake is needed. The last box has disappeared. John Urie said that he would make a new one, but feels we should have a better way to secure the box.

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by President Rick Blanchard.

Land and Conservation Committee:

Dave Washburn will chair a committee meeting on July 5th at 2pm on results of Water Shed Survey. Volunteers are needed for this committee. Review has to be made to see that the actions requested by the state have been completed.

We still have a beaver problem. A motion was made and carried that we should contract to have the beavers removed. The cost would be one hundred dollars to set up the traps and fifty dollars for every beaver trapped.

Secretary's Report:

Minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted with a correction to Glen Barber's name.

Treasurers Report:

The treasurers report was read and accepted. (See treasurers report). A memorial fund has been set up for Arnold Smith.

Election of Officers:

Rick Blanchard was elected for two years. This now has the President and Vice-President elected in staggered years.

Week of July 7, 2008 has been set as clean-up date on the trail.

Vice-President's Report:

For the year 2007 we had 92 paid memberships and for the year 2008 we have 35 paid memberships. Becky Holden requested members to give her their e-mail addresses so that we could have quicker contact with members.

New Business:

Parker Lake has been stocked with 550 rainbow trout, on June 5, 2008.

Mr. Washburn will be going to the New England Federation of Lakes meeting next Spring. Joyce Croteau made a motion that carried to have the dues of Mr. and Mrs. Washburn paid by Lake Parker Association.

Water Quality Report:

Bob Richards reported that he can only see down two meters because of all the rain we have had. We also have not had any large fish kills this year.

Mr. Washburn is going to read over the by-laws to see what the rules say about standing committee's and recommend any changes to by-laws.

A thank-you was given to the Pioneer Day Camp for setting up the tables for the annual meeting.

Home Protection Report:

Bob Richards reported no break-ins over the winter. There has been sightings of a bear around the lake.

Web Site, Don Trudel reported that we need new soft ware and an update to our web site. The web site could then be used to send the newsletter and list rentals around the lake as well as information about the lake. He suggested a two year agreement and to buy two copies of the software. One of the copies would be kept sealed. A motion was made and carried to have a two year agreement and to buy two copies of the software.

There was discussion about the Access Road and who owns it. Randy Williams will look into this matter.

Meeting was adjourned about 8pm.

Nominating Committee:

We have a number of vacancies such as; Ways and Means, Safety and others.

A motion was made by Anne Benning to authorize the board to spend no more than five hundred dollars to set up a "Lake Parker" Web-site.

Respectfully submitted

Judy Borrell

Secretary, Lake Parker Association

Weed Harvesting:

The association has received \$334.00 from the state for 2007. The grant will

A new sign in box that is on the trail

Homeowner help (continued from page 1)

stems for at least ten years, preferably never. The landowner is responsible for the planting, however OCNRCD can assist with this for an hourly rate.

Vegetative buffers of shrubs, trees, and herbaceous plants have been proven crucial to the long-term health of a body of water. Buffers are easy to develop and maintain, and they add to the value of your property. These essential buffers filter sediment and pollution, stabilize banks, provide benefits to aquatic life through shading, filtering, and as a food source, provide wildlife habitat and are aesthetically pleasing.

By planting a riparian buffer you can become a solution to the nutrient enrichment crisis that exists in the Memphremagog watershed. For more information contact Dayna Cole, OCNRCD Manager, (802) 334-8325 ext. 18 or dayna.cole@vt.nacdnet.net.

Wanted: Camps to Rent:

Seeking available cottages for rent around the week of July 6-12. Big family wedding in neighborhood on July 11. Call Betsy Day or Randy Williams 525-4051

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