

Lake Parker Association Newsletter

May, 2011

President's Message

By Rick Blanchard

As we approach another summer season on beautiful Lake Parker a few thoughts have come to mind that I would like to share with you.

Everyone should take a few minutes to think about and talk about safety issues both at home and at your cottage. Water safety is the obvious when it comes to the lake. Early in the season is when you most likely will encounter debris on the water that might be left over from the spring runoff. This year there was an ice shanty base that was left on the ice on the east side. The owner could not be identified. During ice-out I believe that we pulled most of it out with a grappling hook, but still be cautious while swimming or boating on the east side.

Since many of the cottages are not occupied during the winter months, a few minutes spent inspecting the cooking and heating appliances and gas lines is

in order. Proper adjustment and care of these appliances can save you money and more importantly your life. Also take a look at you electrical wiring-an uninvited rodent can cause serious damage. If you are not comfortable doing this yourself, contact a qualified vendor.

Again this year, I have invited the select board to attend the annual meeting and even though there are no specific items on the agenda, it is a good opportunity for informal questions and updates on town government issues.

The Vermont Department of Fish and Wildlife has chosen not to stock Lake Parker this year with rainbow trout. As you may recall last year F & W stocked 500 ten and ½ inch rainbows. It appears to me that stocking here will occur every other year.

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Association Annual Meeting, July 9th

This year's annual meeting of the Lake Parker Association will be held on July 9 at the West Glover Church.

Our traditional potluck dinner starting at 5:00 PM will be followed



by the annual meeting. Bring a favorite dish to share, and please come and see your friends and neighbors and participate in the election of officers.



Lake Parker Association Annual Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the Lake Parker Association Annual Meeting, July 10, 2010. West Glover Congregational Church, West Glover, VT.

Meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm by President Rick Blanchard.

Secretary's Report: Minutes were read and accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Total Balance \$22,153.87. CD \$15,937.84. CD \$4,073.65. Checking \$2,092.24. Credit Union Member 2009 \$50.14. Income \$1838.91. Expense \$2,143.27.

Vice-President's Report: As of July 10, 2010 we have 50 paid members. More of the newsletters are going out by email. Please keep e-mail addresses current.

President's Report: Rick Blanchard was voted in for another two years. Need to involve more people in the organization. Rick asked Mr. Washburn to streamline the organization. This year five hundred 10 1/2 inch long trout were stocked in Parker Lake. As of July 1, 2010 there is a new law in Vermont. No phosphorus can be used in dish soap and lawn fertilizer will have to be phosphorus free.

Web Site: Don Trudell thanked members for pictures and documents for the web-site. Would like more pictures and articles to keep the site current and interesting. He would also like feed-back on format and content.

Newsletter: Anne Benning would like articles for the newsletter, information about children and grandchildren and information on camps that are for rent or for sale.

Land Use and Conservation Committee Report: Dave Washburn reported that committee will meet late July

to review water shed survey results and to update watershed survey calendar of events. Dave has a new manual from the state "For Our Lake's Sake." It's a three hundred page booklet of information to improve and maintain the health of the lake. A motion was passed that LPA would pay eight dollars to send John and Lynn Washburn and Dace and Gail Washburn to the meeting for "Vermont Federation of Lakes and Ponds."

Selectmen's Report: The access road is a common right of way. The sewer system extension down Parker Road is on hold until the bugs can be worked out of the system that was installed the Summer of 2009. Plans are to go down both sides of the lake. To do this it may have to go to a bond vote. Selectman said it is just a matter of time before the sewer system comes to the lake.

New Business: Members asked Selectmen if speed limit could be reduced on Parker Road and Lake Shore Road. It was voted and accepted that the weed machine should be retired. The savings in insurance would amount to about \$250 a year. The weed machine is to be scrapped.

Display Case: A motion was made and accepted to spend up to four hundred dollars to have a new display case built for information about the lake to be housed in. This would replace the display case that was removed from the Parker General Store.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Judy Borrell, Sec. LPA

Town of Glover Notes

Glover Day will take place this year on Saturday, July 30th on the green in Glover.

The Glover Historical Society meetings are the 3rd Wednesday at the Glover Library. There will also be special presentations throughout the summer. Museum is open by appointment.

Ambulance Squad subscriptions are available through Adam Heuslein, captain or at the Town Clerk's office.



Don't Forget Your Ambulance Subscription

Heard Around the Lake—Notes from the Community

New Local Business

Betsy Day's Vermont Day Dreams weaving studio and gallery at 765 Parker Rd is open for business: Thursday-Saturday, 11-4. Look for announcements for classes and workshops, weaving and Spanish in particular, starting June 2. Call 525-4051.

Please Join Us.

The Lake Parker Association Wants You

The Lake Parker Association hopes you will rejoin us again this year if you have been a member in the past. Please fill out and return the 2011 membership form which is on page 4 of this newsletter. Providing an email address is especially important because delivering Association news via email is easier and cheaper for us, and saves trees.

If you have new neighbors or old neighbors who have not been to our potluck recently, bring them along to the annual meeting in July. We

would love to see all of you there. Please pass the membership form along to any one who may not have received one.



Pioneer Day Camp Returns for 2011

Betsy Day and Randy Williams would like to announce that the very popular Pioneer Day Camp will take place at the Parker Settlement above the lake from June 27 through July 1, 2011. If you would like an applications for your younger visitors, please visit gloverpioneerencamp.org. Adult volunteers are also welcome.

Friday, July 1 there will be a community celebration between 11am-2pm up at the settlement, 765 Parker Rd. The festivities will include a potluck BBQ, guest speakers, and kids' presentations. Betsy

and Randy would love for you to drop by and can provide handicap access transportation upon request. If you would like to help out this year or have any questions, contact Betsy or Randy at 525-4051 or daywilli@yahoo.com.

President's Message (cont.)

Lastly, I need to reiterate the need for our membership to assume officer positions within the organization. At present, the Vice President position is vacant, and the Secretary position will become vacant in July.

Please contact me if you are interested in being nominated for either of the open positions. I can be reached at 802-525-3840 or at rickblanchardresbldg@gmail.com

Rick Blanchard
President, Lake Parker Association

Lake Parker Association, Inc.

2011 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, weed harvesting activities, 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.

Name(s):----- _____

Map No: _____

911 Address: _____

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

Local Phone Nbr: _____ Other Contact Nbr: _____

Please print your current email address as future notices will be sent by email, if provided:

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

Thank you for your support and have a safe and enjoyable summer!