

Lake Parker Association (LPA) Annual Meeting 07/12/25

After introductions, the meeting was called to order by President Brenda Plastridge at: 9:11 am.

There are currently 53 paid members in the LPA. There were 26 voting memberships in attendance which represents more than the 20% of membership needed for a quorum to hold the meeting. There were 35 individuals in attendance. The meeting notice was posted on the LPA website, emailed and mailed to those with no email address, to members no later than July 7, 2025, satisfying the notice requirement.

Secretary Report:

Brenda Plastridge stated that the minutes from the 2024 annual meeting had been reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors at the 08/28/24 meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

Joyce Croteau spoke of the reports included in the packet (see attached), last year January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024. Joyce reviewed the period January 1, 2025 to date. 2025 year to date information includes \$1100.00 in contributions, \$3048.50 in total income and a net income of \$2866.50. Joyce stated that most of LPA's funds come from dues, contributions and interest from CDs. There was discussion about transferring extra phragmites funds to other needs and uses.

A motion was made by Steve Cutler to approve the Treasurer's reports as presented and seconded by Mike Pierce. Motion carried.

Committee Reports: (SEE ALL WRITTEN COMMITTEE REPORTS ATTACHED)

Highlights include:

Membership: Linda Alderton, Chair

See the attached report.

Water Quality: Mike Pierce, Chair

Our ongoing phragmites project around the lake is going well. Eradication efforts with the phragmites will continue on the few small patches that remain. Please let Mike know if you notice any phragmites around the lake. Phragmites noticed on tributaries have been mostly eradicated. Mike estimated future expenses for phragmites eradication to be around \$300.00. Mike reported that a recent water clarity test showed results of 15 - 16 feet, consistent with previous years. Mike stated that phosphorus levels remain consistent.

We are 10 Lake Wise awards from becoming classified as Gold Lake Wise Status.

Mike offered to help with shoreline planting, even providing plants if needed. Some homeowners stated they received their award at the time of the assessment. Others stated that they had not received any results of their assessment.

Mike and Brenda spoke about working with the town to conduct monthly summer water tests. These tests will be conducted during June, July and August and any special event such as

flooding. All results go directly to the town. If there is an issue with the water test, an email from the State will be sent notifying the town. If there are no issues, a letter will be mailed via USPS. Results should become available on the Town of Glover website.

There was a small question and answer session:

Q: Are there any invasive species in the lake?

A: No. There are 17 native plants with 3 considered rare. Some plants and fish are considered non-native but not labeled as invasive. It was suggested that fishing minnows should not be dumped into the lake.

Q: Should home owners maintain phragmites located on their land?

A: No. Please contact Mike.

Q: Can we cut the weeds in the water near our property?

A: Cutting of plants is no longer permitted as three species are considered rare. Brenda spoke about the use of a weighted mat to smother the weeds, which requires a state permit.

Boat & Water Safety: Steve Cutler, Chair

Steve reported that the snowmobile that sank in the lake approximately July 4th has been removed.

Fish & Wildlife: John Wooten, Chair

LPA members asked questions about white perch, rock bass and clams (fresh water mussels). They were concerned that these might be invasive species. John reached out to VT Fish and Wildlife. Their response concerning the perch (non-native) and rock bass (native) was that we didn't need to do anything about these two species. They stated that the clams are native and a natural part of the ecosystem. The clams feed by filtering the water, likely keeping the water clearer and cleaner.

Motion from the Fish & Wildlife Committee: After receiving the proposed ANR revisions, Ginny Lawless motioned and Tim Plastridge seconded the following Motion for Wake Sports ANR Proposed Rule Support: That the Lake Parker Association submit a letter of support to the VT ANR for the July 2025 ANR proposed revisions to the current wake sports rules which affect water quality, safety and the environment, and that this same letter expresses non-support for the elimination of the existing "Home Lake Rule" which presently reduces the likelihood of AIS spread from lake to lake. This motion passed by a unanimous vote of the LPA membership.

Recreation: Tim Plastridge, Chair

Tim reviewed the repairs and costs of the bridge repair on the walking trail.

Once again we conducted the Ice Cream Toss. Over 100 pieces of ice cream were distributed during the 2025 Fourth of July weekend.

If you want to work on the walking trail, feel free to do so at your convenience.

Tim thanks all the volunteers, especially Steve Cutler and Ken Kasz.

Tim is always open to suggestions about any lake wide events.

Nomination and Election of officers:

The Nomination committee of Ken Kasz and Linda Alderton presented the following slate of candidates for a two year term:

Vice President: Tim Plastridge

Secretary: Charise Baker

There were no nominations from the floor. A motion was made by Mike Maloney and seconded by Joyce Croteau to accept the nominations as presented. Motion carried with an affirmative vote by the membership. Attending members were encouraged to run for Lake Parker Association board positions.

Old Business:

Speeding: The Lake Parker Association suggests contacting the Orleans County Sheriff, The VT State Police and the Fish and Game Warden directly with any concerns about speeders and other general problems. It was suggested to cc all concerned, including the town of Glover if contacting via email. The LPA isn't responsible but will help if possible. A suggestion was made to post contact information for these departments on the LPA website.

Beaver Update: The Fish and Wildlife committee monitored the nuisance beavers at the south end of the Lake; so far, their dams have not impacted the walking trail this year. The beavers have been active over by Stevens Brook. There isn't any more activity on the Plastridge property. The town is aware and this situation is under their jurisdiction.

New Business:

Bridge on LPA Walking Path: During the early season (June) trail trimming it was realized that the bank on the western side of our bridge is eroding at a faster pace than we anticipated. We are in the process of planning a project to address that. Upon permission from Mr. Tetreault, Tim requested funds of up to \$1500.00 to execute these needed repairs. Joe Little motioned, Linda Alderton seconded and the motion passed to provide the funds to the recreation committee for bridge repairs.

Glover Day: Glover Day, a town wide celebration, is Saturday July 26th. The celebration runs from 9-2 and is located on the town green. There will be a performance by Bread & Puppet and a Hill Farmstead beer tent along with many other events. All proceeds will go to the Shadow Lake Dam Repair Project. The LPA is a sponsor of Glover Day.

Glover Flood Zone and River Corridor Plan update: Ken Kasz updated the membership on the Town of Glover update of the flood zone map of the area. This could impact lake property owners. This update is needed to help land owners qualify for FEMA National Flood Insurance Policies. More information is available on the Town of Glover website. Members can ask Ken to add their names to his email list to receive updates about the progress of the changes.

Hinman Hiking Trail: Trail committee members updated the LPA on their progress with the historic trail. They are working on trail map brochures and getting all of the trail signage up, spending the rest of the grant money they received. They spoke about sharing the history of the town and the amenities of the old settlement.

Tim Plastridge and Randy Williams spoke during the meeting concerning the need for volunteers on the ambulance team, with a variety of positions available. Call the Ambulance bay and ask for Adam or Ashley. They informed the attendees of a free medical equipment swap that they provide free of charge.

Brenda spoke about updating the LPA website with the help of Ken and Charise. She would like to see spaces for lost & found items and rental listings.

Adjournment- A motion was made by Charise Baker and seconded by Joyce Croteau to adjourn. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Charise Baker, Secretary

Approved by the Board of Directors at the 10/28/2025 meeting.