

GIA Newsletter - January 29, 2017

- 1) Annual Membership Dues:** Hopefully we can match last year's contributions. In 2016, 140 paid regular dues and several members made additional contributions that totaled \$550. Will be a full report in July.
- 2) Summer Meeting:** Monday July 24th, 6 to 8 p.m. (4th Monday as before). Location will either be Marine Patrol or Town Hall, speaker to be determined.
- 3) Water Test Project:** The season may start a few weeks early because of the "limited" ice-in. The GIA sponsored 3 sites last year and appropriated \$500 for the program. We need to continue this, as we have since 2011. A motion would be in order on March 4th. Also, there is always a need for volunteers. If funding allows, selected samples may be pulled to test for cyanobacteria levels.
- 4) Piper Mountain:** In December, the GIA Board was polled by email and cell phone, and we agreed by a vote of 8 to 1 to donate \$100 to the Gilford Conservation Commission to help with the purchase of the Piper Summit. Piper is now a fully protected conservation/recreational area for public use. Some of you may recall the email notice we sent last September announcing this effort. The Gilford Town Select Board approved this in September as well.
- 5) Gilford Town Warrant and March 7th Vote:** The ballot will include a \$950,000 proposal to expand the Kimbal Rd. Recycling Facility and to include a full Transfer Station like the one in Laconia. A good idea.
- 6) Glendale Issues:** a. In October, a sign was posted at the faucet on the utility building "Do Not Drink This Water". This is under investigation and we do not have a clear reason. Town officials will be working on this in the Spring; b) The rebuilt launch ramp was re-opened after November 21st and is a great improvement. The lake level was down to 502.17' and there was less than 3' of water over the underwater "berm" caused by boats powering on. The level has come up about a foot and there should not be a problem after ice-out; c) There has been no agreement between the Town and Marine Patrol to increase parking spaces. Discussions may continue; d) The Town has reviewed our request for recycle bins at Glendale and they do not think it is feasible based on cost, cardboard handling, contamination and space.
- 7) In Memory:** Shirley Bussell Burns, Welch Is., passed away January 18th, age 92. Shirley grew up on Welch, as her grandparents, J.H. and Mary Bussell built the victorian lake house on the point at the west side cove (light 68) in 1907. Shirley was a founding member of the GIA and was the first Secretary. She served from 1991 to 2000 and then became a Director. Her family has requested, in lieu of flowers, to make a donation to the GIA. A memorial service will be held on Welch this Summer.