

## GILFORD ISLANDS ASSOCIATION

### SUMMER MEETING NOTICE & NEWSLETTER - MAY 12, 2016

**1) The Summer Meeting is July 25, 2016, 6 to 8 p.m.** at the Town Hall. The featured speaker is Harry Vogel, Senior Biologist/Executive Director of the Loon Preservation Committee. There are many new developments on the loons and this will be very informative. Go to [loon.org](http://loon.org) and view the "live loon cam". Also, the ban on lead sinkers & jigs less than 1 oz. is effective June 1, 2016.

**2) Officer elections** for two year terms: President, Treasurer, 2 At-Large positions and the unfilled At-Large from last year.

**3) Report & Minutes from the March 5, 2016 Winter meeting:**

The Winter meeting was very successful with 49 attending, including the two speakers. a) Four (4) Welch Island "seniors" in their 90's were honored for their many years of participation with the GIA: Mary & Harold Dexter and Lloyd Eckholm & Shirley Burns. Shirley was the Secretary for many years. b) Three (3) water test volunteers from last summer were recognized for their important contribution to the project: Kathy Boselli, Pig, and Elizabeth and Paul Hackett, Lockes. c) Information was presented by Jim MacBride comparing the 2015 early ice-out results with that from 2010. It showed that 3 of the 12 sites sampled were higher in 2015 and that is a concern for the future. We all agreed that we must stay involved with the project. A motion was made by Dave Beardsley, Lockes, and second by Alan Sherwood, Welch, to allocate our annual sponsorship of \$500 for three (3) sites: Gi-C, in 95' off Governors Is., Winbmerd, in 140' off the west side of Bear Is., and Gi-D, the deep spot in Sanders Bay. It passed unanimously. Elizabeth & Paul do Gi-D and J. MacBride does Winbmerd. More information is available at "[winnepesaukee.org](http://winnepesaukee.org)." d) J. MacBride introduced Pete Morrissette, President of the Glendale Cove Association and Pat Tarpey, Executive Director of the Lake Winnepesaukee Association. Together they presented a detailed, informative and very interesting review of the 50 year campaign to control the spread of milfoil around Winnepesaukee and Smith Cove & Glendale Bay in particular. Pete, who lives in Smith Cove, founded the G.C.A., a 501(c)(3) organization. They receive funding from the Town of Gilford, Government grants, private contributions and the GIA gives \$475 per year. Some herbicides have been used in the past, but the main eradication method is the vacuum rig and divers pulling it up by the roots. Pete tracked the progress that has occurred in recent years and pointed out we may never eliminate this invasive plant species, but we can contain its spread with serious efforts. Pat did a survey of the projects in all municipalities around the Lake. Also how milfoil has spread over the years and the organizational progress that has occurred in dealing with it. Moultonborough has provided the most funding as a vanguard against property devaluation. The "slides" from the presentation plus additional information have been down loaded to our web site: go to [gilfordislands.org](http://gilfordislands.org)- click Lake Issues - click Milfoil & other invasive species. You will see three(3) documents: the first is from 3/5 by Pat Tarpey and the 2nd & 3rd are additional information about invasive plants, etc., from

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The status of HB 1589 - a bill to reduce the spread of milfoil from one water body to another, **Clean, Drain and Dry** "your boat" when pulling from the water, has been passed by the House & Senate. It awaits the Governor's signature.

**4. Re-Cycling:** The previous "Single-Stream" system has been converted to a "Dual-Stream" setup where the corrugated cardboard is separated (and flattened) from all the other re-cycled materials. Because of this it is not feasible to have the additional separate bins at Glendale. **We encourage all of you to make the effort to bring your re-cycle to the Kimbal Rd. Center.** It is less than 3 miles from Glendale: go West on 11B past Silver Sands to the top of the long hill and turn left onto Kimbal just before 11C, go left at Emerson Aviation through the gates. Your vehicle needs the Glendale parking sticker. For more info, go to **gilfordnh.org**, Public Works Dept., Recycling.

**5. Trash Bins:** The fence has been widened to hold 4 bins. A 5th will be added outside the fence on major weekends. The Hauler empties the bins Mon.,Wed.,& Fri. Public Works Dept. (DPW) has told us that some people are dumping construction & building material waste in the bins. This is not household trash and is prohibited. Save it and bring it to the docks on Clean Up Day, Sat. July 30. "Spent fireworks" packaging or containers is not household trash and is prohibited. Also, if you toss cardboard boxes into the bins it takes up extra space. Islanders are the only Gilford residents with Town provided trash pick, all others either go to the Laconia Transfer Station or hire a private contractor. We should not abuse this benefit.

**6. New Fire Boat:** The Board of Selectmen approved the transfer of ownership from Portsmouth to Gilford on May 11th at the Public Hearing and the Portsmouth Fire Commission approved it on May 10th. The Portsmouth City Council will finalize this action at their next meeting. This is a big advance for public safety on the islands and the entire shoreline. The boat will be docked at Glendale once all the construction is completed. Several GIA members came to the Hearing.

**7. Glendale Improvements:** \$10,000 was approved for "capital expenditures" on the March 8th ballot. The restoration of the dock lighting is being worked on by an electrical contractor; the rub rails (planks) between the dock posts have either been repaired or replaced; pavement cracks have been sealed; the broken concrete on the launch ramp will be repaired and DPW will be conducting an underwater engineering inspection of the dock structures. The concrete slabs we walk on date to the 1950's and this will be reviewed in the future. The Town has had discussions with Marine Patrol about restoring the drive-through to the upper lot and enhanced parking spaces on the entry road from Dock Rd.

Marine Patrol's target date for completion is in October and there will be construction all summer.

Roger Tropf will not be returning as a Glendale Officer this summer, but Clint Phelps will

be. The Gilford P. D. is looking to hire a replacement and have ads in the local papers, etc.

**8. TAXES: Good news.** Your \$25 membership "dues" can be taken as a charitable contribution on your Schedule A-1040 if you itemize deductions. Your membership dues is in effect a voluntary contribution to a 501(c)(3) organization. This was reviewed with both IRS and a Certified Public Accountant. Please take this as an official notice and if you haven't made your contribution yet this year, now is the time to do it!

**9. Trailer Parking:** There are still slots left at the ice-rink lot. Request the form at the Clerk's Office.

**10. Summer Calendar Events:**

- Loon Census is Sat., July 16th, 8 to 9 a.m. You need a form. See loon.org.

- St. John's services not announced yet. Can check at gilfordislands.org - Community link

- **Island Clean Up Day at the docks Sat. 7/30, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., no hazardous waste.**

- Take household hazardous waste to DPW at the Town Hall complex - 7/30, 8 a.m. to noon.

- Traffic Concerns: Bike Week 6/11 - 6/19; Triathlon 8/20 & 8/21, big race on Sunday.