

TLA ANNUAL MEETING SATURDAY, JULY 9, 2022 | 9:00 AM

Carrie Ricker School Cafeteria

573 Richmond Rd | Litchfield, ME 04350

Exhibits of invasive plant species will be on display with TLA directors available for question and answers, along with take home pictures of plant species. There will be a chance raffle and 50/50 raffle. Mark Evans will provide us with an update on the Dam. Additional speakers will be from Friends of Cobbossee Watershed and the Audubon society. If you haven't already paid your \$15 yearly dues, you may do that at the meeting. Please come and bring a neighbor along to support our cause and protect our Tacoma Lakes.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Members and Friends,

Happy Summer!! The Tacoma Lakes Association (TLA) enjoyed another very successful year in 2021. Membership remained strong although members still represent only about 50% of the lakefront property owners. Our goal for 2022 is to increase membership to 300 lakefront property owners, an increase of around 55 new members. As President, myself and several board members will be going door-to-door to explain what the TLA does and, hopefully, reach our goal. Potential members may sign up on our website, www.tacomalakes org using PayPal, or may print the form and mail it to us with a check. The cost of a TLA membership remains among the lowest for lake associations in the State, at only \$15.00 per year, per household. Donations last year continued the trend of amazing generosity from our members. We thank you all for trusting us as we continue our work to keep our beloved lakes clean, and invasive species free.

The Woodbury Dam repair process is underway, and the town of Litchfield has accepted a bid to complete the repairs to the dam. For this summer, like last summer, every effort will be made to keep the water level at 7'. Normal summer level is 7'6", but last spring as Terry Averill was raising the water level, leaks were discovered. At 7' the leaks subside; therefore, we are holding at that level. Hopefully we will not experience a prolonged drought that could make the level lower. I would be remiss if I did not thank Terry for his years of work as the dam keeper, his knowledge and experience tending the dam are an amazing asset to us all.

We have added another shift to our Certified Boat Inspection program, and now have coverage on Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday throughout the summer. If launching watercraft please be respectful to the inspectors who are there helping us keep milfoil and other invasive species out of the Tacoma's.

Our dedicated plant patrol recently met to map out their schedule and areas to be viewed this summer. The plant patrol team is once again headed up by the dedicated Diane Clay, her efforts and energy are nothing short of fantastic. All of the volunteers do a great job and I thank them all for their time and devotion. I sincerely hope that once again our plant patrol is "unsuccessful" this year, as they will find no milfoil.

TLA is planning its first annual "Raddle." The raddle will be a combination 5K race, followed by a paddle on Woodbury and Sand Ponds. We are limiting participation at 50, and hope to have lots of fun with the event. Check our website, and Facebook for more details as they become available.

Lastly, I wish to thank all of the former TLA Presidents. Board members, and supporting members for their contributions to this organization. The current board works hard, year-round in our efforts to maintain the above average water quality that we have grown accustomed to. We all must remain vigilant in our efforts, and pass these beautiful lakes on to future generations.

Regards, Jim Adams, President



WOODBURY **POND PARK**

The Woodbury Pond Park opens for the season June 18th from 10-8pm! Friends of Woodbury Pond Park have been busy cleaning up the park and improving all the buildings, fire pits, volleyball net and horseshoe pit. The park has also been treated for brown tail moths and poison ivy. Thank you to all our generous local businesses and others for their donations. TLA and many of their members donated time and money to support the efforts. If you are interested in joining the efforts to care for the park in future years, join the group and send your name/interest to woodburypondpark@ gmail.com

The park is loaned to Litchfield from the state at no charge. It is a self-sustaining park with fees covering our cost. Rates are \$3 per adult, \$2 per child and residents can get a season pass for \$50. A great deal to enjoy the lake all summer without having to drive very far! All are welcome even when the gate is closed to walk in but please carry in/carry out trash during closed hours and pick up after your dogs so all can enjoy the park. Be respectful of the park as it belongs to all of us.



If you want to book an event at the park, please email woodburypondpark@gmail.com and they will work with you directly on availability of the park and charges. Have a safe summer and visit our local treasure often! Follow Friends of Woodbury Pond Park at https://www.facebook. com/FriendsOfWoodburyPondPark for all the latest news and activities.

TREASURER'S REPORT

TLA continued its string of successful financial years in 2021. Donations totaled \$10,992, eclipsing last year's total of \$8,640 by \$2,354. We received membership dues in the amount of \$3.675. This is an increase from last year's dues in the amount of \$120 which equates to a net gain of 8 memberships. Membership for the year stood at 245 members. Net income for the year 2021 totaled \$9,382. An increase of \$192 over 2020. Total income from all sources increased by \$3,989 while total expenses increased by \$3,797.

TLA remains in strong financial condition thanks to its generous members and donations from the community. We have again received support from the State of Maine, the Town of Litchfield, and the Town of Monmouth. We thank them for their help and support. We also thank those that advertise in our Spring and Fall newsletters.

Currently all bills are paid with no invoices outstanding. I am happy to answer any questions that the membership may have regarding TLA finances. You may contact me by email at curtislindamoodcpa@yahoo.com. I will also be available at the annual meeting to discuss or answer any financial questions regarding the association after I present the Treasurers Report.

Thank you, **Curtis Lindamood, Treasurer**

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PLANT PATROL **UPDATE**

The Tacoma Lakes Invasive Plan Patrol is preparing for another summer on the lakes. With any luck we'll be just as unsuccessful in 2022 as we have been in the past. Every year we take a section of our series of lakes and try to cover the entire littoral zone for that section in search of invasive aquatic plants. Part of our mission is also to respond to property owners who spot



something suspicious in the water. Also, our last stop before putting our tools away in September is to check the Woodbury Boat Launch.

We are looking for volunteers to join us for some or all of the summer, and we are in need of folks who live on the lakes to let us launch from their property. Our initial meeting will be held in mid-June. Come check us out.

For more information contact the Tacoma Lakes Association or Diane Clay at c1l2a3y4@gmail.com or (207)-754-9502.

FRIENDS OF THE LAKES

Friends of the Lakes is a social group for people around the lakes of Litchfield/Monmouth and the area that want to have fun and get to know their neighbors.

We have not been too active over the winter months but a new book club was started this spring. We plan on having some events over the summer when more of our friends and neighbors are around. Please be on the lookout for an email for those who have signed up to participate. If you have not joined, send your name/address/phone/email/ lake you are on to friendsofthelakes@gmail.com and you will be added to the email list so you are aware of activities we are organizing.

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LOON RESTORATION PROJECT

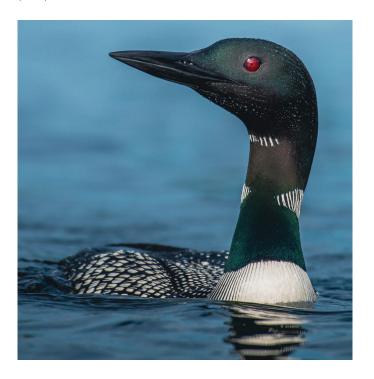
Maine Audubon is launching a new program to protect loons starting this year. The annual loon count will still occur on the third Saturday of July, but this project includes identifying nesting pairs and monitoring their nesting sites for

the summer. The money for this project was provided through a grant in response to the damage done by an oil spill a few years ago off the coast of Massachusetts. The area damaged was prime wintering habitat for the loons. The result was a decrease in the number of chicks in recent years.

I'm sure that you've all noticed that our loons have arrived at Tacoma Lakes. They begin arriving at iceout, pair up, and pick nest locations. They should be laying eggs between mid-May and Mid-June. Those of us who have signed up will be keeping notes about the progress of the nests.

Thanks go out to Kristen and Rick StPeter for building a new nesting raft this spring. Also to Peter Godrey, and Peter Waterman for keeping their rafts repaired from year to year. We have a loon committee of about 6 people. So far, we have no one signed up to monitor loon nests on Sand Pond, and we can always use more help on the other lakes as well.

If you have questions or would like to help out please contact Diane Clay at c1l2a3y4@gmail.com or (207)-754-9502.



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WOODBURY POND DAM LEAK TO BE REPAIRED BY THE END OF SUMMER

Lovers of the Tacoma Lakes concerned about state of the Woodbury Pond Dam will be happy to learn that repairs to the dam will be completed by this September – and with no additional lowering of the water level or disruption to boaters and other water enthusiasts. The current state-recommended 7-foot water level at the Woodbury Pond Dam can also be maintained up to and through the construction period in August of this year.

On June 13, 2022, the Litchfield Town Select Committee approved a \$115,000 bid to repair the Woodbury Pond Dam to secure the leaky dam this summer. Chesterfield Associates Inc. of Westport Island, Maine won the bid for the project. Then later the same week, Litchfield voters also approved an additional \$60,000 in contingency funding to support the project during the Litchfield Annual Meeting on June 17.

These steps were followed by a June 22 meeting involving Litchfield Select Committee Chair Gary Parker, Town Manager Kelly Weissenfels, Public Works Director Larry Nadeau, and members of the Woodbury Pond Dam Committee with engineers from the supervising contractor Calderwood Associates and prime contractor Chesterfield Associates.

Chesterfield President Davies Allan said his firm could emplace a wall of interlocked sheet pile panes in the middle of the leaking eastern earthen berm, and Litchfield Public Works Director Larry Nadeau said he could ensure the availability of clay to fill and seal the emplaced wall, resulting in \$15,000 savings that would have been related to water placement and of a retaining wall and the costs to seal the wall against corrosion. Further costs savings were realized as bore samples along the dam obtained by Haley and Aldrich in 2021 could be used to plan emplacement of the sheet pile cutoff panels into the berm.

Under the supervision of general contractor Calderwood



Engineering, a crew from Chesterfield Associates will emplace the wall during two weeks in the middle of August 2022. Their efforts will finally address leaks in the dam first identified by Woodbury Pond Dam Tender Terry Averill in April of 2021 and should result in many decades of continued dam integrity.

If left unchecked, the dam's issues could have significantly lowered the water level in some of the five Tacoma Lakes, caused the road across the dam to become impassable, led to lower property values for property owners on the five lakes supported by the dam, and negatively impacted animal and plant life, according to state and local officials.

Work on the repairs will begin approximately in the second week of August. Contractor Chesterfield Associates has assured Litchfield officials that the noise and disruption related to the wall emplacement will be minimal, and that the repair will not affect use of the nearby boat launch or use of the lake in any way. Work on the dam will be limited to daytime and weekday hours, and should take two weeks in total.

The Woodbury Pond Dam Committee is also exploring concurrent repairs to the dam to address cracks in the concrete wings walls of dam and the replacement of a water sluice protection plate with the goals to meet all of the known repair needs for this dam by the end of the Summer.

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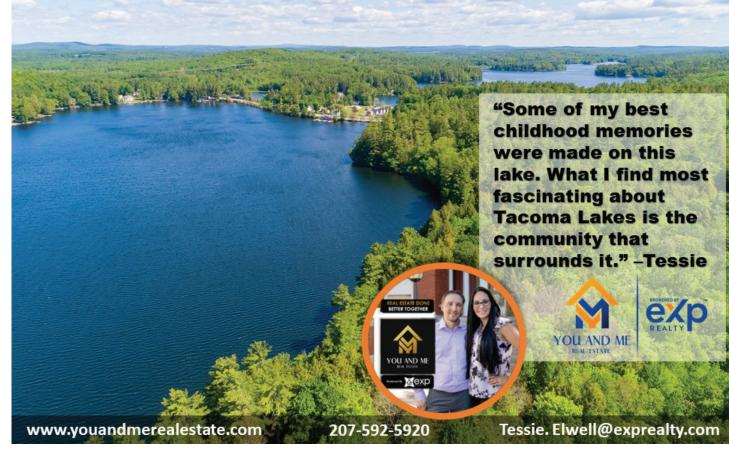
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