



# BEAR POND CURRENTS

August 2013

## BPIA Representatives

### President

Mike Gordon  
224-7812

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Darlene Burdin  
224-8066

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- ♦ Loon Nest - J. Driscoll, R. Beaudet
- ♦ Newsletter - R. Bray, M. Wallace
- ♦ Refreshments - Giroux
- ♦ COLA - P. Poskus

### Committee Members

- ♦ Membership/Fundraiser - M. Wallace, B. Gowell, J. Schwellenbach
- ♦ Lake Hazards - R. Bois, D. Bois, M. Wallace, P. Pilsbury, R. Bray
- ♦ Protection - P. Pilsbury, M. Gordon, K. Mitchell, W. Weed
- ♦ Monitors/Invasive Plants - R. Bray, K. Mitchell, J. Kelly, L. Breidenbach, J. Sabine
- ♦ Delta - L. Breidenbach, P. Pilsbury, M. Gordon, D. Bois, M. Harris, E. Fuller

## President's Report

Where has the summer of 2013 gone? We are nearly in the middle of August and it seems like it just can't possibly be Labor Day weekend coming up. Let's enjoy the remainder of the sunny bright days along the shores and on the water of the Bear Ponds with our families and friends.

Just a reminder, I have the septic dye tablets for distribution. The sole purpose of these is to determine if you as shore property owners, have a problem with your septic system as it pertains to causing problems to our ponds. No monitoring and/or action by this association or others will be taken. Your own personal future corrections on any problems with the system will be greatly appreciated by all Bear Pond property owners.

The **August 25th meeting at 9:00am at Boofy Quimby Hall** is an important get-together for all members. We will start with a guest speaker from COLA - Rebecca Kurtz. We then have three issues that need to be discussed and acted upon by all members. The liability insurance, Emeritus status, and scholarships for area students need to be finalized. Please attend this meeting to assist in the discussions and decision-making on these issues and any other issues that you want to discuss. Let's have the last 2013 BPIA membership meeting end with a great attendance.

Mike

Bear Pond Currents Is The Seasonal Newsletter

Of The Bear Pond Improvement Association

BPIA, P.O. Box 4 North Turner, ME



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# 2013 Schedule Of Activities

## FINAL 2013 MEETING

At 9:00 AM At Boofy Quimby Hall, North Turner

August 25th

Guest Speaker is Rebecca Kurtz, Executive Director,  
Maine Congress of Lakes Association

## Help BPIA Save Mailing Costs

Get your newsletter electronically via e-mail. Use sign up forms at meetings, or email Doreen Maxwell at [dmaxwell@megalink.net](mailto:dmaxwell@megalink.net)

## Please Remember To Pay 2013 Dues

*Please Send \$25.00 To: BPIA, P.O. Box 4, North Turner, ME 04266*

Name:

Pond Address & Phone #:

If Applicable,

Permanent Address & Phone #:

*E-mail Address for electronic newsletter delivery:*

# Highlights of July 2013 Meeting

## 25 members in attendance

### Treasurer's Report:

Checking Account: \$6,080.42

Preservation Fund - \$11,659.81 (\$3,786.51 is the Protection Fund)

Damkeeper Report: Water level of lake is on target for this time of year.

Loon Nest: No babies on pond this year. Eggs could have been washed away by flood rains.

Lake Hazards Committee: Rich Bois checks the buoys to be sure they are in the correct place.

There has been wonderful positive feedback about having the rocks and shallow areas marked.

Water Testing: Water clarity is fair due to the heavy rains, pine pollen and pine needles. Oxygen levels are good. The water has a brown tint from all the storms. PLEASE do NOT put grass cuttings or fertilizer into the pond. People still have grass clippings washing onto their beaches. Grass and fertilizer deplete the oxygen in the pond and allow algae to grow.

Membership Committee: Please pay dues. Part goes to the protection fund and enables the Lake Protection Committee to fix erosion problems. 99 families are members as of August 8. We still need committee members. If interested, contact Mary Wallace. Check the membership list for 2013 members to see if you have paid your dues.

Lake Protection Committee: The committee has received several new applications for erosion control. They will meet to review the applications, visit the sites, determine which are erosion damage and set priorities to do the work. They will undertake a pilot program to replace a culvert and build a plunge pool to divert rushing water that is spilling into the lake with each new rainfall and bringing with it tons of silt. If this project is successful, there are several even

more serious areas bringing over 50 tons of silt into the pond. The membership voted to increase the protection fund to \$6000.

Old Business: An ad hoc committee of Darlene Burdin, Mary Wallace and Mike Gordon reported on the following 2 items that will be voted on at the August meeting:

1. A **scholarship** in the name of BPIA will be offered to a Hartford senior and a Turner senior who are interested in studying some area of ecology or environmental or nature study. The 2 scholarships will be \$500 each and certain criteria must be met. The student must write a letter explaining what he/she will study and why he/she should be awarded the scholarship. The high school guidance counselor must also recommend the student. The money will be awarded **after** the first semester of college if the student maintains a grade of C+.

2. BPIA would like to honor people who have served the association. People will be recognized in the newsletter and at the July meeting for 5, 10, 15, 20, 25 years of service, etc. In addition, after retiring from service, a member may be nominated by any other member for the honorary title of **Emeritus**. To receive this title the retiree must have 15 years or more of service to the BPIA in any capacity. The person will be permanently listed in the directory of officers, directors and committee members in the newsletter and will be honored at the July meeting.

New Business BPIA has purchased tablets available to members at no cost to be used to test whether your septic system is leaking into the pond. Contact Mike Gordon for more information. Also, members voted to buy a liability policy to protect the officers, directors, and committee members from law suits in the execution of their BPIA duties. The policy will cost about \$750.00 a year.

# Potluck Supper An Evening of Fun

Thanks to committee chairs Pat and Jerry Samson for a delightful, and perhaps, last pot luck supper. Despite only 24 people in attendance, good food and good camaraderie were in abundance. The auction, conducted by Larry Giroux, featured once again, new, handmade, and homemade items and the members were generous in their bidding. Our dinner raised about \$160.00 for the work of BPIA. Watch for an exact dollar amount in the next newsletter.

## Lake Hazard Contribution Form

I wish to contribute to the lake markers:

One marker - \$50.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Anchor & Chain- \$15.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Other - \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name : \_\_\_\_\_

(Make checks payable to BPIA, PO Box 4, North Turner 04266)

### Donations to Markers

Bray, Dick and Claire - \$50.00  
 Buckley, Henry and Jan - \$25.00  
 Camp Weekela - \$100.00  
 Coleman, Mike and Sheila - \$25.00  
 Conn, Heidi and Doug - \$65.00  
 Giroux, Larry and Cindy - \$35.00  
 Goodwin, Ira - \$25.00  
 Johnson, Paul and Bev - \$25.00  
 Jordan, Roland and Martha - \$10.00  
 Kelly, Joan - \$100.00  
 Merrow , Scott and Heidi - \$50.00  
 Pelletier, Paul and Shelli - \$25.00  
 Pete the Plumber - \$100.00  
 Stanton, Kathleen and Brian - \$100.00  
 Wallace , Mary - \$50.00  
 Walling, Tom and Lisa - \$50.00  
 George White - \$25.00  
**Total to Date = \$860.00**

# Bear Pond Loses Great Friend and Benefactor

Submitted by Mary Wallace

This past week Bear Pond Improvement Association lost a great member, director and friend, Richard "Dick" Bray. Born in Turner, Dick left to make his way in the world but retired to Bear Pond with his wife Claire 23 years ago to become a vital member of BPIA. He served as Vice President for 10 years and then became a Director. He chaired the Watershed Survey, worked tirelessly to receive the \$60,000 grant from the state, was instrumental in our receiving a conservation award, and served as a member of our protection committee. He and his beloved Kubota could be seen at all our erosion projects as well as repairs of the dam. He piloted his pontoon for the Water Testers. Our prayers to his wife Claire, his son Rich who is our newsletter editor, water tester and invasive plant committee member, his son Ken, his daughter Sandy and his 5 grandchildren. We share this poem read by his daughter at his memorial service.

A giant pine, magnificent and old  
 Stood staunch against the sky and all around  
 Shed beauty, grace and power.  
 Within its fold birds safely reared their young.  
 The velvet ground beneath was gentle, and the cooling shade gave cheer to  
 passersby.  
 Its towering arms a landmark stood, erect and unafraid  
 As if to say, "Fear naught from life's alarms,"

It fell one day  
 Where it had dauntless stood was loneliness and void.  
 But men who passed paid tribute - and said,  
 "To know this life was good,  
 It left its mark on me. Its work stands fast."  
 And so it lives. Such life no bonds can hold -  
 This giant pine, magnificent and old.

By Georgia Harkness

# 2013 Membership List - as of July 29th

Adams, Jim and Susan	Duguay, Steve	Mitchell, Kent and Pat
Adams, Ron and Irene	Dunn, Josh	Morin, Richard
Angell, Peter and Kelly	Dwyer, Marie	Murphy, Beverly
Beaudet, Rich and Martin, Kathleen	Faunce, Linda	Olivo, Meg and Chuck
Bilodeau, Norm and Connie	Fisher, Lorraine	Pelletier, Pat and Henry
Bisson, Susan and Roger	Fisher, Roland and Sylvia	Pilsbury, Pete and Nat
Blais, Roger and Theresa	Fournier, Lorraine	Pomerleau, Norman and Honey
Bois, Richard and Dolores	Frost, Peter	Poskus, Peggy
Bourgoin, Leo and Joline	Fuller, Earle and Doris	Pratt, Eugene and Muriel
Bray, Dick and Claire	Giroux, Larry and Cindy	Ray, Bruce and Sheila
Bray, Rich and Anne	Goodwin, Ira and Jody	Richards, Jeff
Buckley, Hal and Janice	Gordon, Mike and Teri	Rivet, Ed and Brenda
Bunker, Cheryl and Stephen	Goulette, Marcel and Joan	Robinson, Ann
Burdin, Carl and Darlene	Gray, Ron and Sharon	Sabine, John and Alison
Burgess, Arnold and Roberta	Harlow, Bob and Rosie	Sampson, Bob and Goldie
Calawa, Arthur	Harrington, Dave and Brenda	Samson, Pat and Gerard
Calcagno, Claire and Hasselbalch, Kurt	Harris, Mike and Debra	Sanderson, Scott and Lisa
Caron, Cheryl and Jim	Hinkley, Homer	Scammon, Ronald
Carver, Beth	Hinkley, John and Tammy	Schwellenbach, Jim and Lorry
Carver, Bruce	Holt, Ken	Stanton, Kathleen and Brian
Chappell, Bob and Beverly	Hudnor, Francis and Rebecca	Thayer, Rich and Peg
Coleman, Mike and Sheila	Johnson, Paul and Beverly	Theberge, Steve and Kathy
Colwell, Jr. Harold	Jarrell, Beth	Therrien, Barry and Julie
Conant, Bernie and Glennis	Jordan, Roland and Martha	Town of Hartford
Conn, Doug and Heidi	Kelly, Joan and Glorach, Greg	Town of Turner
Cooper, Michael and Lisa	Kimball, Gretchen and Boyd, C.	Turgeon, Don and Kathleeen
Cooper, Verna	Landry, Bert and Monique	Twitchell, Gard and Shirley
Cormier, Katheen and Ed	Leavitt, Pete and Eva	Twitchell, Michael
Deane, Ron and Laurie	Leclerc, Moe and Doris	Wahnowsky, Harold and Terri
Diaz, Janet	Lipham, Sheila and Bob	Walker, Jean
Dolan, Charles	Marshall, Roger and Natalie	Wallace, Mary Monahan
Dodge, Lynda	Marstaller, Jerry and Darlene	Walling, Tom and Lisa
Douglass, Larry and Nancy	Maxwell, Bob and Doreen	Weed, Nanci and Willi
Driscoll, James and Susane	McCarthy, Johanna	White, George and Marie
Dudley, John and Margot	Merrill, Larry	Woolford, Jane and Stan
Duguay, Jerome	Millett, Gordon and Janice	

### Application for Grant from Bear Pond Protection Fund

Names of property owners \_\_\_\_\_

Address of property on Bear Pond \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent address of homeowners \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Brief description of problem:

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\_\_\_\_\_  
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Estimated cost of repair (if known)

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Costs incurred to date for attempts to fix the problem:

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Areas of concern and additional information for Committee

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Signature of property owners: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Send to: Pete Pilsbury, Protection Committee Chair, P.O. Box 83, Turner, ME 04282.**

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Committee approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for rejection: \_\_\_\_\_