

PBIA 2024 Annual Meeting Minutes

July 14, 2024

- I. Peter Donahue reviewed the budget and noted the current year's budget has some outstanding items and a number of bills that will come due over the summer. He noted that we appear to be ahead of last year in collecting dues. We put \$10 out of each member's payment into a capital fund that we are spending on long-term maintenance and improvements. Both the capital improvements budget and the operations budget are in good shape.
- II. Gregory Lauer reviewed the maintenance and improvements we have undertaken this year. One was replacing the timber retaining wall and timbers along the gravel path at the main beach. We also did more work on Chisholm path in coordination with the neighboring property. This work done included taking down another rotting tree and removing the rotting timber retaining wall.
- III. Lucinda Keith then discussed work being done by the Falmouth Ponds Coalition including interviews with people on each Falmouth Pond. She reviewed things that everyone can do to help protect Jenkins Pond, including monitoring catch basins, keeping buffer areas to prevent runoff, not using fertilizers, getting septs pumped every 2-3 years, using non-phosphorus cleaners and cleaning boats to reduce the likelihood of aquatic hitchhikers. She then discussed interesting work being done in alternative and innovative septic systems.
- IV. Peter Donahue discussed the work that's been done over the four years by the Old Ladies Against Underwater Garbage (OLAUG). They've done five dives in Jenkins Pond and appreciate the help (and food) provided by volunteers.
- V. Gregory Lauer then discussed a clean beach policy in which items left on the beach overnight will be collected and stored for disposal in the Thursday garbage pickup. One member suggested that items in usable condition might be placed below a sign saying "Free" before being thrown out. Gregory then led a discussion about how to deal with boats on our beach. Ideas suggested included installing racks and having people pay a nominal fee to store their boats on the beach or in the racks.
- VI. The following officers were elected:
 - a) Gregory Lauer - President
 - b) Liz O'Donnell - Vice President
 - c) Peter Donahue - Treasurer
 - d) Caroline Kates - Secretary
- VII. The following board members were elected:
 - a) Betty Beisheim (8/27)
 - b) Ruth Zwirner (8/27)
 - c) Michelle Netto (8/25)
- VIII. During the Open Questions Forum, Robin Canha discussed issues that she's encountered since the opening of a sober house next door. The question of resuming lunch with the annual meeting was raised. Someone suggested that people could bring tables and maybe we could get food trucks to come. We also discussed holding the meeting indoors somewhere to avoid rain delays.