

TLIA News

Tripp Lake Improvement Association is a not-for-profit organization whose mission is the well-being of Tripp Lake and its surrounding watershed in Poland, Maine

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Summer 2016

A Letter from the President

by Ron Getchell, Jr.

President of the Tripp Lake Improvement Association

Hello and welcome to spring and another season on the lake.

I look forward to spring and getting the camp opened up for the summer and all the things that go along with it. Pulling on the waders to get the water line out in the lake and weighted down with cinder blocks then having your arms hurt from the cold water tying off the foot valve to a cinder block to keep it off the bottom, but it's OK because you're at camp. Then the process of priming the pump and charging the lines for inside plumbing and on to spring cleaning. We moved out on the 7th of May this year only because the overnight temperatures the last two weeks of April and first week of May were just too cold. My bees arrived at New Moon Apiary in Yarmouth the middle of May and I placed them in the hive out in back of the camp where they will stay until fall when we move back into Auburn. And the honey? There is just something special about the honey they produce from the local area. It's dark like maple syrup and the taste is just marvelous. Maybe they'll make enough this year so I'll have a surplus. My brother Scott also has a hive at his house in Auburn.

As you may know there has been an issue with seagulls congregating in ever increasing numbers at the southern end of the lake last fall and again this spring in the area between the public beach and the boat launch. Some counts done in the beginning of April had numbers up to 1,000 birds at times and they weren't there hoping to get a glimpse of Bob Marley! Andy Vachon with the USDA's Augusta office was contacted last fall regarding the issue and again this April when the "invasion" began again. He put USDA Biologist Ben Nugent on the problem and he made counts and observations over a 2 week period and tracked down the local food source that was attracting the



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OUR LAST NEWSLETTER

THIS WILL BE OUR LAST ISSUE OF THE TLIA NEWSLETTER. WE NEED A NEW EDITOR OR EDITORS. IT'S BEEN FUN AND A PLEASURE TO WRITE THIS NEWSLETTER FOR YOU, BUT AFTER ALMOST 25 YEARS (FOR ME) AND CLOSE TO 15 FOR SUE BARRY, IT'S TIME TO CALL IT A DAY.

WE HOPE SOMEONE WILL STEP FORWARD AND CONTINUE CONNECTING OUR MEMBERS TO EACH OTHER. IF YOU LIKE WRITING AND READING, EDITING AND PROOFING, PLEASE CONSIDER IT. WE'LL BE HAPPY TO HELP, GET YOU GOING, STAND BY YOU WHILE YOU GET YOUR FEET WET. PLEASE CONTACT ME, SUE OR RON GETCHELL FOR DETAILS. WE NEED YOU!

THANKS IN ADVANCE.

BABS SHAPIRO

Maine State DOT Plans For Configuration At 5 Corners and Other Incidental Items

by Sue Barry

When I recently spoke with Brad Plante, Poland Town Manager, I first asked him about the felled trees on Route 11, north of Route 26, and continuing on to Casco. A number of us tree huggers have wanted to know. He said that Poland had nothing to do with that project. It was a project promoted and planned strictly by the Maine State DOT. Poland received notice that it was in the works, but "we were not involved in any other way." My husband, Dick, played "Sidewalk Superintendent" off and on, while they worked in front of our place, and he was told by several men working on the project that the State deemed that the trees were "narrowing in" on the road and preventing good visibility, thus hampering ice melt on the road due to lack of full sunlight during the winter months. This caused numerous accidents in a number of places on the road here in Poland and other spots on the way to Casco. Only trees that were on State property were cut down. None were cut down on Garland Swamp Road, Jordan Shore Drive or near the public beach. Legally, they can only cut within a certain number of feet from the center of the highway to the side of the road, which I believe it is 30'.

Now, on to the planned configuration of 5 Corners. Work will start between mid to late-summer and, best scenario, will be completed near the end of 2017. This is going to be a \$2 million project and will take time and patience on behalf of drivers, DOT workers/flaggers, and lots of other folks in the area and beyond. They will re-route the end of Winter Brook road to an area on Route 11 behind the garishly yellow convenience store (GYCS), which sits right at the intersection of Winter Brook Road and Route 26. Last, but not least, there will be four (4) bona fide traffic lights at this intersection when all is done. It is a major construction site and will take approximately a year to complete. 5 Corners, as

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We're trying to lower our expenses by putting what we can on line. Thank you!

On the Water

by Rick Lundstedt

The mild winter led to an early ice-out for all Maine lakes and ponds. As far as fishing goes, the subsequent cool spring pretty much put the bass spawn on a normal schedule. We've been seeing plenty of Smallmouth beds and by late May the Largemouth bass started their migration into the shallows.

While the life-cycle activities appear to be relatively normal, does the early ice-out have any effect on Tripp? Here's some info gleaned from the Bangor Daily News this April.

Shortly after ice-out, the water in a typical Maine lake mixes, powered by wind moving across the water surface. Most lakes also mix completely in mid-fall. Between spring and fall mixing lakes stratify, or break into layers. During this time, a warm layer of water sits on top of a cold layer. This is because colder, denser water sinks to the bottom, while warmer, less dense water rises to the surface.

So what does stratification have to do with ice-out? An early ice-out allows the upper reaches of a lake to warm faster, so lake stratification can happen earlier in the year. If an early spring is followed by a hot summer, lake stratification will be stronger and last longer than in an average year.

During times of strong stratification, the two water layers of a lake become very different from each other. Waves on the surface mix oxygen into the upper layer of water, providing a steady supply for fish and other aquatic critters. The lower layer, however, is essentially sealed off on its own with no supply of oxygen. Therefore, any living critters in the lower layer will slowly use up oxygen without it being replaced. During a long period of stratification, the lower layer can eventually run out of oxygen completely. John Laskey and Jack Quinn's water testing provides evidence of this condition in some years.

If a lake's lower layer of water runs out of oxygen, an army of chemicals can move from the lake bottom into the water. One of these chemicals — phosphate — can cause plenty of trouble. When a lake is full of oxygen, phosphates stick to iron in the lake bottom. But when oxygen is absent, phosphates are free to run amuck in the water.

Once phosphates have been released into the lower water layer of a lake, they are eventually spread throughout the lake whenever the lake mixes — usually in the fall or spring. Just like lawn fertilizer, phosphate stimulates growth, but in this case it stimulates algae.

Algal blooms usually make a lake look strangely green or cloudy. While some algal blooms are relatively harmless, others can produce some toxic chemicals or take even more oxygen out of the lake, harming fish.

An early ice-out after a strange winter does not mean disaster for our lakes, but it could cause some noticeable changes. It will be interesting to see the results of our water testing as the season progresses. For right now, the conditions are perfect for some great spring fishing so time to head out. See you...On the Water!

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gulls up on Route 11. With the help of the USDA in cooperation with the farmer they began working on ways to feed the cattle without attracting the gulls in such great numbers. Updates and progress reports were to be given as the project went forward.

I wish I could take credit for any of what has been going on with this whole seagull issue, but I cannot. I did contact the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to ask if their department could assist with "moving the gulls along." I don't know what specific species of seagull has been visiting our lake, but Herring Gulls are protected by the Migratory Birds act. The people that have been keeping up with this since last fall are Jacque Giasson, John McGinnis, John Laskey and others that I have not heard of or left out unintentionally. I only found out the scope of the undertaking this spring. I was aware of a seagull problem but had no idea of the scale of the problem. I have to commend the folks that live on the lake all year 'round because you are the folks who really know what goes on out here after the rest of us have left by the end of September and you act when you see things that are getting out of hand. We all thank you for your diligence. (P.S. The gulls now seem to be gone.)

Have a wonderful summer everyone!

A Warm Welcome to New Members

If you see any of these folks in your travels, please introduce yourselves and welcome them to the Lake and to the Lake Association.

They are: Bill Phipps, Fernald Road, Jon and Karen Pelletier, Jordan Shore Drive, Gretchen and Ira Rosen, Garland Swamp Road, Lisa and Patrick Kahlke, 70 Jordan Shore Drive, Sara and Matt Haberkorn, 110 Sunderland Drive, Paul St. Amour (All-Season's Groundskeeping), Robert and Debbie Berube, 84 Larch Drive, Susan Morrissey, Jennifer and David Geller, Fernald Road, Glenn and Susan Gruskin, 35 Garland Swamp Road, Judy Stone, Jordan Shore Drive.

Lake Map Updated

Gerri Tinkham has redone the original lake map created by her about ten years ago. It contains all the names and addresses of people living on the lake, a big undertaking. She wanted neighbors to know their neighbors.

In between, **Jacqui Giasson** had updated names of people as camps were bought and sold. The map became a little unreadable with all the updates, so Gerri offered to redo it, tracing the old one by hand and rewriting everything. It was a big project.

We thank Jacqui and Gerri for all their work; it will be included in all Newsletters distributed this summer and also available at the Annual Meeting on July 9, 2016.

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I've known it to be all my life, will soon be 4 Corners.

Also, Scott Segal, Poland Recreation Director, will be speaking at our Annual Meeting on July 9th at Ricker Library at 9 am (come early for coffee and stuff) to explain the work that is badly needed at the public beach. It's in dire need of rehabilitation. The Poland Spring Bottling Company has donated \$5,000 to aid in facilitating the cost of work to be done there, which is much appreciated!

One more thing. At some point this summer, the east entrance of Garland Swamp Road will be reconfigured to be perpendicular to Route 11. Also, GSR will be posted at 20 mph.

These are things I know fairly well, tho' I wouldn't stake my life on all the facts. If you have more specific questions, please be in touch with Mr. Plante, Mr. Adams, and/or Scott Segal, Recreation Director, at the town office. 998-4601.

Ice-Out , March 18, 2016



Just before ice-out

The earliest ice-out since records have been gathered on Tripp Lake has been recorded by Jacqui Giasson as March 18, 2016.



Ice-out one week later.

Speed Reduced on Garland Swamp Road

As a result of too many speeding cars on Garland Swamp Road, it was requested last summer that the 25 MPH speed be reduced to 20 MPH. Town Manager Brad Plante approved this request and authorized new signs to be placed on the road this summer.

Many thanks, Brad. Hope it helps!

“This and That”

by Sue Barry

Circle this date on your July calendar: **July 9, 2016** is the date of this year's **TLIA Annual Meeting** in the Community Room at the Ricker Memorial Library. At 8:30 am coffee, juice, donuts & bagels will be available, courtesy of TLIA. The business meeting will begin at 9 am. We hope to see you there.



The 2016 **4th of July Boat Parade** will begin at 10 am and leave from Hemlock Campground beach on the west side of Tripp Lake. Let's hope for a lovely day.



Many thanks to **Bill Henderson** for his commitment to TLIA over the years as he filed required TLIA information each year with the Secretary of State on our behalf. We also thank Andy Williamson for picking up the gauntlet for future yearly filings.



Howie and Terri Sherman are now the proud owners of a home in Florida. They aren't leaving us in the lurch, tho'. They will still be paying taxes on their Poland real estate here on Tripp Lake.



Claire Marquis has created a “couch” quilt made up of earth tone colors with a dark green flannel backing. She has donated it to TLIA for our annual raffle. The dimensions are 60” x 70”. Thank you so much, Claire.

“Wolf Cove Inn” owner, Roy Forsberg, has received a Lowe's gift certificate from BedandBreakfast.com, the most comprehensive site for finding and booking bed and breakfast properties, and was also designated the winner of its “2015 B&B Marketer of the Year Award.” The award recognizes bed and breakfast owners who excel at developing and implementing successful marketing programs. Congratulations to you, Roy, and Sue, too.



Winners of UMaine 4-H Camp

by Linda Laskey

Two fourth graders from the Poland Community School (public) were chosen by TLIA judges, Bob Cummings and Gail Quinn. They each wrote a two paragraph essay telling why they would like to go to the summer camp and added drawings showing what they would do when they returned to help improve the land and waters of Poland.

Landon Gagne, son of Daniel Gagne and Jessica Paradis, and Emma Daigneault, daughter of John and Karen Daigneault, all of Poland, will have a week-long stay at the Bryant Pond facility. The parents pay the registration fee of \$50 each and TLIA pays \$575 for each camper. This is one way we are providing education to our youngster. They are our hope for the future of our lake.

I believe we've been doing this for 16 years now.

Happy Occasions

Congratulations to **Benjamin Webber** on his graduation from Connecticut College in May, 2016. He's the son of Wendy Shapiro Webber and John Webber of Marblehead, MA and the grandson of Babs and Mike Shapiro of Auburn. All have grown up on the shores of Tripp Lake and are long-time members of TLIA.



Congratulations to Sue and Roy Forsberg, owners of Wolf Cove Inn on the upcoming marriage of their daughter **Meghan to Peter Accivatti** at the Inn this June, 2016.



To John and Linda Laskey, congratulations on the marriage of their daughter **Sally Jean Laskey to Micah Simmons**, both of PA. They were married on New Year's Eve, 2015, and will be having celebrations this summer, one of which will be held at the Struh's barn in Poland.



Congratulations to Kathy Carroll on the college graduation of her **grandson Richard Grondin** from CMCC. His mother Katie, dad Scott and sister Daisy have lived on the lake many summers. Grandma Kathy is a long-standing member of TLIA, living in Florida during the winter.



David Struhs and
Jessica Bologna



Best wishes to Sara and David Struhs on the forthcoming wedding of their **son David to Jessica Bologna** on September 17. They met while teaching for Teach for America in Memphis, TN. The ceremony will be at All Soul's Chapel at Poland Springs and the reception at the Struh's home on Tripp Lake. Congratulations to all!



Congratulations to **Ron Getchell and JoEllen Larkin** on their forthcoming marriage on July 1 of this summer. May you have a wonderful day and a wonderful life together. Also, enjoy your new grandson, Wyatt, who was born in February of this year. The proud parents are Jo Ellen's daughter, Megan Palmer and her husband, Sgt. Kyle Palmer.

In Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy to the family of **Sheridan Thornton**, 77, who passed away Jan 6, 2016 in Rumford. He owned and operated Thornton Farms, was a local bus driver for more than 44 years, plowed roads for the towns of Rumford and Milton and was a volunteer fireman for the Rumford Point Fire Dept. He was a long-time summer resident of Tripp Lake and a member of TLIA.

He leaves his wife Jeannine, a son Glenn, daughter, Lisa McReavy, a brother Charles, grandchildren, nieces and nephews.



We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Patrick Palmer on the loss of his wife **Angela Palmer** on February 15, 2016. A golf tournament was established (in Newton MA area) in her name to raise funds for cancer research. She was a member of TLIA and enjoyed summers with her children Kirsten Kelly (Robert), Anna Gallagher (Seann), David Palmer, Sara Palmer, nine grandchildren, sisters and a brother. She will be missed.

"Many things in life cry out not to be commented upon."

"Why don't I have any tattoos? For the same reason you don't put stickers on a Ferrari."

In Sympathy

by Sue Barry

Joseph "Joe" Kneeland passed away at his home of Lewy Body Dementia in Mt. Albert, Ontario, Canada on March 24, 2016, with his family by his side. Joe and Marjorie and their family have been summer residents on Tripp Lake in Poland for many years. His father-in-law, Lew Murray, was one of the founders of Tripp Lake Improvement Association. Joe was 83 at the time of his passing. He grew up in Bethel, Maine, a son among Libby and Roland Kneeland's eight children. He graduated from Gould Academy, the University of Maine in Orono, and earned a business degree from Harvard. He volunteered in his "home towns," churches, and in many other ways over his lifetime. He and Marjorie enjoyed many wonderful years together. They are the parents of three children, two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. He was dearly loved and is greatly missed.



Our deepest sympathy to the family of **Lois Snowe-Mello** of Poland who passed away Jan. 24, 2016. She had represented Poland, Minot, New Gloucester, Durham and Auburn for 8 years in the Maine House of Representatives and for 6 years in the State Senate. She served on numerous committees and commissions while in Legislature. She was V.P. of Androscoggin GOP at the time of her death.

She was pre-deceased by her husband Brian and is survived by her mother Trudy Snowe, brother Ken and sister Linda as well as many other relatives. She was a voice of reason and will be missed.



Our condolences and deepest sympathy to the family of **Ed Hinkley** who passed away April 23, 2016 after a brief illness. He'd lived on the lake for many years and was the former owner of Vincent Fruit Co. in Lewiston. He was not only a member of TLIA but had been the "ad man" for the Tripp Lake Association Newsletter, paying the costs of printing and mailing it to hundreds of people over the years. Friendly, outgoing and possessed of a good sense of humor, he had many friends.

He leaves his wife, Lois, daughters Suzanne (Jim) Morin, Diane (Rudy) Silva, Christine (Dave) Poulin, stepchildren Shannon Bacallao and Jim Cole, grandchildren Christopher, Francisco, Gaetane and 3 great grandchildren. He was pre-deceased by his first wife, Gaetane Hinkley and a brother. We shall miss him.

History of Poland

from Poole's Publishing Co., Mechanic Falls, ME, 1890

by Babs Shapiro

The copy of Poole's History which I possess, left to me by Ellie Kelley a few years ago, is filled with stories that seem made for Saturday afternoon Cowboy-Indian thrillers. This story, a legend of Joseph Wyer, the scout, is connected to the most valuable water power on the Androscoggin River at Lewiston Falls, with the exception of Rumford, which had not yet been utilized to any great extent.

"Just prior to the French-Indian War (1754-1763), a family named Wyer, living somewhere near the seaboard, was murdered by the Indians, with exception of one son, Joseph, who happened to be absent. When he returned and found his home destroyed and no family left, he for a time was partly bereft of his reason. This he regained in time, but made no conversation with anyone, intent only on killing every Indian that came within reach of his rifle, a most formidable weapon of great length. He spent much of his time living in the dense forest and whenever he spotted and killed one, he exulted and proclaimed his joy. As a scout and spy, his equal was never known in all New England. In stature he was tall, gaunt and muscular, with the eye of an eagle. He was lithe as a panther and bounded through the forest with the ease and grace of a deer. He was cunning and more than a match for the most wily Indian, his intellect giving him greater advantage."

"At that time, Brunswick had become quite densely populated and was considered an important trading post. Fine farms had been cleared and the inhabitants had quietly settled down to business."

"The Androscoggin tribe had held a council and decided to raid the town and, after murdering its inhabitants, burn every building, thereby annihilating the town. Somehow, Wyer became apprised of their intentions and being conversant with all their habits and customs, prepared to act. Firstly, he provided himself with a bottle of rum, with which he hid himself near Lewiston Falls. Here he lay in ambush, awaiting the warriors on their errand of death and destruction. Soon after dark he spotted a light above the Falls, at the head of the rapids, on a large flat stone. He sped like an arrow to the spot and found a lone Indian building a signal fire to apprise his fellows of the rapids. They would disembark here and carry their frail canoes around the Falls. He cautiously approached the Indian, offering him the tempting fire-water. After many drinks, the drunken Indian reeled to the ground, soon falling asleep. Quickly Wyer extinguished the fires, awaiting the approach of the warriors."

"They soon appeared, gliding swiftly along, propelled by a powerful springtime current

and high water. Their numbers were never known, but they were in high glee and bedecked in war paint and feathers. The first canoe's warning came so quickly that they were unable to avoid the rapids. Frantic efforts to stem the current were futile: they realized the end was near and each warrior set up his death song. With one wild and melancholy wail, the entire posse went down among the jagged rocks, engulfed in one common, watery grave. Thus, by the sagacity of one man, was a thriving and prosperous town saved from total annihilation."

Other stories are told of his heroics, confronting and killing many warriors by his presence of mind and fearlessness. Wyer continued his exploits until the fall of Quebec, which put an end to the War. He'd been captured and condemned to death by torture, but always managed to escape.

Tripp Lake Beach Erosion Control Plan 2016

by Babs Shapiro

Scott Segal, Director of Poland's Parks and Recreation Department, has submitted a plan developed by the Town of Poland and the Maine Department of Transportation to repair and protect the Public Beach on Rt. 11. It will be started this summer and continue for at least another year. Repairs are extensive and expensive but will be funded by the Town, the State, Poland Spring Water Company and TLIA.

Curbing will be installed by the DOT along the roadway of the Beach to prevent cars from encroaching on it. Catch basins will be installed behind the curbing. Beach sand that has washed into the lake over the past few years will be dredged from the lake to rebuild the beach. This has been approved by the State: no new sand will be added to the Beach.

Juniper bushes and boulders will be installed on some paths to prevent people from walking on them, eroding them. Erosion control material will be added to areas to prevent runoff. Rip-rap will be put in place where necessary. A gate and fencing will be installed to direct access to the beach without disturbing mulched areas. Rock steps will be removed and Infiltration steps will replace them.

Three heavy-duty picnic tables will replace old wooden ones. Two will be donated by Poland Spring Bottling Co. and the third by the Town at a cost of approximately \$1000 each. Erosion Control Mulch will be applied on the bare soil beneath and around these picnic tables. Other controls may be added as needed.

In all, the Town will spend \$10,000 on this project, which includes materials and labor. Poland Springs will donate \$5000 in addition to the picnic tables and TLIA will donate \$1000.

We expect this plan will greatly improve the area and allow the townspeople to enjoy it. A big thank-you to the Town for its foresight in protecting this valuable resource: it's a beautiful spot and people should enjoy and respect it.



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Snowzilla turns Nation's Capitol into Winterwonderland

by Lisi Clark



Lisi Clark on 8th Street - our popular neighborhood gathering street of restaurants and shops.



Cross-country skier on Pennsylvania Avenue

On January 23rd Washington, DC was hit with one of the the biggest storms in the region's history bringing our Nation's Capitol to a standstill. While hardy New Englanders would barely take notice of such a storm, the blizzard of 2016 dumped over two feet of snow closing the Federal Government, local airports and schools. This active, busy city became peaceful and tranquil.

The storm came shortly after Congress had approved a provision that eased up on an official ban that had prohibited sledding on the front lawn of the U.S. Capitol. Residents of the Capitol Hill neighborhood brought their kids and toboggans and had a ball sliding down this iconic landmark. Snowmen greeted families out walking. It's not every day that you will run into someone cross-country skiing on Pennsylvania Avenue, but this storm brought out everyone.

Snow removal was complicated by the cozy neighborhoods that only have on-street parking.

Local governments rallied all the equipment they could to handle snow removal, but it still took days before many streets saw their first plow. The parking lot of RFK Stadium served as the graveyard for the snow in the region and the mounds lasted for weeks.

The storm impacted over 6 million people and caused airlines to cancel over 10,000 flights, but for some of us it was just a fun time to enjoy a bit of winter — knowing that warm weather would be melting it all away in a short time.



Katie Kaufman's car in our Capitol Hill neighborhood.

"City Boy Meets Country Girl"

by Sue Barry

City boy: **Donald Stover**. Country girl: **Eunice (Suzie) Harry**. Donald grew up in Buffalo, NY. Suzie grew up on a farm in Maryland. Donald & Suzie met while working at a children's summer camp for inner city kids from Baltimore. Through this experience Donald became very interested in helping these children in a more lasting way through some form, such as social services. Also, he was a pacifist and was able to incorporate that aspect by doing his service obligations while also

doing social work for a public agency in Wilmington, DE.

As time passed, Donald and Suzie were married on her parent's farm in Maryland. Suzie received her degree in Elementary Education from the University of Delaware and Donald graduated from Haverford College in PA, then went on to earn his Doctorate in Psychology at Syracuse University. While living in Syracuse, they adopted their two children. Their son, Ed, lives in Lewiston with his wife; daughter, Kelly, lives in FL. Don and Suzie have five grandchildren and seven great-grand children.

They moved to Madison, WI for eight years where Donald worked as Chief Psychologist at a treatment center for emotionally disturbed children, and also taught at the University of WI. Suzie was a full-time mother and also cared for foster children on a temporary basis. Then, one summer, they found themselves camping in Acadia for two weeks. Though they loved Wisconsin, they discovered they loved Maine just as much. Mountains, ocean, lakes, streams...all the stuff they enjoyed so much...and most within a forty mile radius of their future home on Meguire Hill. Lots of water for recreation and for Donald's love of boating and boat building. Donald worked at Tri-County Mental Health in Lewiston for three years before opening his own practice in Lewiston where he counseled adoptive families of special needs children. He retired ten years ago.

Ed and Kelly were eight and ten when they moved to Poland. In the beginning, Suzie worked as a substitute teacher within the school union, then began full-time in 1973 at Elm Street Elementary in Mechanic Falls. She's also an inveterate volunteer and has helped with

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TLIA Spring Board Meeting June 4, 2016

by Sue Barry

Attending: Ron Getchell, Howie Sherman, Judy King, Karen Pelletier, Jacque Giasson, Sue Barry and Sara Struhs.

Seagull problem has been resolved. Food source has been removed. Ben Nugent of the USDA in Augusta was extremely helpful in ridding us of this nasty problem.

Poland Spring Bottling Company has donated \$5,000 to correct the Public Beach erosion problem. The Town has donated \$10,000, and Scott Segal, Poland Recreation Department, has requested a grant of \$1,000 from the TLIA Grant Program. This will be voted on at our Annual Meeting on July 9th.

The "Bob Marley" event last summer in August netted the Association \$2,210. Bob Marley said that he is willing to present a show for us each summer. The Board discussed the possibility of joining with PRHS Project Graduation and/or possibly, changing the venue...one option might be the "Silver Spur" in McFalls. Possibly appoint someone to control promotional spending for the event. Should begin planning in August 2016.

The boat launch on Megquire Hill will be repaired per Brad Plante, Town Manager.

A request will be issued in spring Newsletter asking members to please send their email addresses to Karen Pelletier. This will enable TLIA to email newsletters and other mailings, which will cut our costs considerably. Those who do not have a computer will continue to receive them via snail mail.

Thoughts about fund raising are to have a "50-50" Raffle and a "Quilt Raffle" or some other desired item that would prompt folks to buy tickets. Howard Sherman, who is managing the raffle, has offered to sell tickets door-to-door in the spring. The drawing will take place at our annual meeting in July. Another option or addition would be to sell beach towels with a lake related logo. We would source our own beach towels and pay for set-up. Ron suggested a logo that Board agreed on. Karen will research cost of buying towels in bulk, etc.

New positions to be filled on "Officers/ TLIA Board Members" list are president (Ron Getchell), secretary (Susan Barry), and (board member) Jacque Giasson.

Respectfully submitted, Susan Barry

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many events in the area including the Ricker Memorial Library and helping with the Literacy Volunteer Program. Don also keeps busy. Since his retirement he has built two 19 foot boats for day sailing and also has sailed the Columbus Circle route in the North Atlantic on a 34 foot sailboat. Suzie met up with him in Scotland on that trip. They have sailed the coast of Maine many times, know it very well and said it is just beautiful.

In recent years, Don has dedicated himself to the Poland Conservation Committee and somehow finds himself Chairman at this point. He says, though, that Fred Huntress is the heart and soul of the project. For starters, spend a warm summer day on the Waterhouse Brook Trail. It's on level ground and an easy two mile loop. Please go to the Poland Town Office to find more information and maps of this Poland gem or call 998-4601.

2016 Tripp Lake Raffle

There is an effort to raise some needed funds for the TLIA account to help pay for the newsletter, scholarships, repairs, signage and unforeseen critical evaluations, etc., necessary to maintain the health of Tripp Lake. Howard Sherman is proposing to the TLIA board members a raffle to be held at the Annual Business Meeting at the Ricker Library on July 9, 2016. Donations of prizes from local businesses, and private parties will be accepted. Howard and any volunteers will be selling tickets through June around the Lake and also at the Annual meeting where the drawing will be held. Winners ticket stubs will be randomly chosen at the meeting, so please try to be at this important meeting and also to possibly choose your prize. Please email Howard at violinhw@comcast.net with questions or to volunteer to sell tickets or make a donation. See you at the meeting!

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