

June 20, 2022

Greetings from Flying Pond.

We are having our annual meeting at 2PM on July 9<sup>th</sup> at the air-conditioned Mount Vernon Community Center and via Zoom for those of you who find that more convenient. As you may recall we discussed trying an afternoon meeting as many folks are entertaining guests on this post-Independence Day meeting. So, we'll see how this goes. The Zoom link will be on the website : <https://fpia.weebly.com/>. Speaking of which, you can also make your annual dues donation there via a secure credit card transaction.

Your FPIA Board of Directors held several meetings over the past year. We had a fall meeting where we discussed topics including financials (getting Katie up to speed on the checking and dam savings accounts, IRS info, Etc.), Communications planning/Newsletters, islands "in trouble", houseboats, and community building events.

We also had a spring FPIA board meeting where we also discussed financials, the new (fabulous) brochure, "Spirit Wear", membership, a "Dam to Dock Paddle", and board positions. Nancy is retiring from the board and the secretary role, but I am happy to announce that the board has lined up a candidate replacement in Wendy Oakley. Nominations will be open for this position at the meeting, but I'm sure some of you will be relieved that you need not avoid eye contact when we ask for nominations. 😊

We are, however, looking to find a replacement for Debbie Roe who is retiring as the invasive plant patrol coordinator. With what has been happening on other area lakes, this may be the singularly most important volunteer position we need to fill. Please be thinking about this. Also, don't forget that there are very enriching volunteer opportunities to staff courtesy boat inspections. It is becoming critical that we do anything and everything that we can so we do not end up like the last lake in this lovely chain, Androscoggin Lake.

This year's meeting will have the standard agenda items of dam condition, water quality, invasive plant patrol, fishing, election of a few board members and the officers' reports.

I want to recognize 30 Mile River Watershed Association. They have been doing as fantastic job monitoring our water quality on a consistent and well communicated basis. You can find the 2021 report here: <https://30mileriver.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/2021-Flying-Pond-WQ-Report-04112022.pdf>

We look forward to seeing you at our annual FPIA meeting on July 9<sup>th</sup> 2:00 PM. (Yes – 2PM, not 7PM!!!). Dues are tax-deductible and, feel free to donate more than the \$60 dues as we are building a dam improvement fund for the future. For the online donation method, an additional drop-down box has been added to designate additional donations to go towards water quality efforts. We reached out to Lidie at 30-Mile and found that the total value of the services rendered by 30-Mile to Flying Pond was \$14,225 – WOW!!

This summer will be our second season with a LakeSmart program. Last summer was a huge success! Our team is happy to come over (no charge, no judgement, no obligation) to make suggestions that will help you prevent erosion and runoff from your property. For more information:

<https://www.lakes.me/lakesmart> <https://30mileriver.org/lakesmart> or email [flyingpond@gmail.com](mailto:flyingpond@gmail.com)



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Annual Dues for 2022-2023 Return with your check to: FPIA, PO Box 143 Mount Vernon, ME 04352

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Check box to receive next year's notice via Email

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