

1) Annual Membership Dues: In 2019, 138 paid dues as compared to 145 in 2018. Hopefully 2020 will match the 2018 number. In addition to the dues, which is a tax-deductible contribution, several members made additional contributions. 2019 had a surplus of income over expenses and a full financial report will be presented in July.

2) Summer Meeting Date: Last summer we made tentative plans to have a Mt. Washington Cruise the Friday before the meeting, normally the 4th Monday. Island clean-up will be on Saturday 7/25. To avoid a conflict with any one's plans, it may be best to have the meeting on 7/20 and the cruise on 7/17. We need to make that decision so we can reserve the Marine Patrol classroom.

3) Water Test Project: LWA had a productive summer gathering many samples from around the lake. Pat Tarpey, Executive Director, was very appreciative of GIA volunteers and our financial support. Two interns from Ameri Corp were an important addition in 2019. The project, in conjunction with UNH, is moving ahead for the 2020 season. On March 7th we will need to decide to continue our support for the three (3) testing sites and allocate the \$500. Two of the sites are east of Governors in Sanders Bay and the third is between Shep Browns Boat Yard and Bear. GIA volunteers have worked these sites for 10 years.

4) Powder Mill State Fish Hatchery law suit: The case, filed by the Conservation Law Foundation and local residents, is before the US District Court in Concord in the preliminary stages. It deals with the excessive phosphorus levels and algae pollution in the Merry Meeting River that flows into Alton Bay. Merry Meeting Lake is clean, but the river is not. They are both in the Winnepesaukee watershed. There will be a public hearing with EPA officials on February 5th in New Durham. We plan to do a report on this in a future newsletter.

5) Shirley Burns Fund: We have begun to look at park type benches for the 8 Hour Dock pavilion (see bostonbench.com). We will need Town approval.

6) No Wake Zone – Pig, Lockes, Glendale entrance channel: The petition to the State will be filed in the spring. Over 50 signatures have been collected, only 25 are required. There should be a public hearing at some point.

7) Gilford Town Issues: 1) The Town election will be held Tues. March 10th. There don't appear to be any big controversial issues this year. There will be the standard election of officers and several "warrant" articles, one of which, #18, will ask voters to allocate \$10,000 for the Glendale Boat and Ramp Maintenance Fund. 2) The Glendale Committee met in October and there were positive reports from Clint, George and Dee that things ran fairly smoothly. The Police Department indicated they will continue with the expanded patrol hours in 2020. 3) An issue came up in the fall about commercial barges using the docks in the off season. This will be discussed in May.

8) Our web site, gilfordislands.org has an email address, gilfordislands@gmail.com. You can leave a message on this.