

White Pond Advisory Committee Annual Report for 2018

The year started with our committee receiving final approval from the Select Board for our new charter which we worked on through most of 2017. The final version provides a good format for the future protection of White Pond.

Susan Rask, Public Health Director for the Concord Department of Health, gave an excellent informative presentation on best practices for septic systems, geared especially for homeowners living near White Pond. The talk was followed by questions and discussion.

Our committee continues to look for an answer for correcting the problem of pollution and runoff at the county road area, also known as the boat launch. The State Department of Conservation and Recreation is the entity that is responsible for any repair project.

The main event of 2018 was the gift from White Pond Associates of their land and beach area to the Town of Concord. This will provide a town beach and recreation area and will facilitate the town having full oversight of the land around White Pond. With town ownership will come necessary ADA-mandated improvements to walkways, stairs, parking, bathrooms, and also a change in the use of the fields on Plainfield and Powder Mill Roads.

Our committee has written a list of recommendations to the Select Board for improvements and maintenance which we believe are needed with ownership of this new property.

In September we welcomed Nina Nickles as a new member.

White Pond continues to participate in the EPA Cyanobacteria Workshop weekly seasonal testing and weekly water testing by Dr. Bill Walker and his team.