

# 2020 McWain Pond News



*Photo courtesy of Tom Murch*

**JOIN or WATCH  
THE ANNUAL  
4TH OF JULY  
BOAT PARADE  
4:00**

**MPA ANNUAL  
MEETING**

**Postponed until**

**July 2021**

**Board meeting  
remotely TBA**

Be Sure to Visit: [www.McWainPond.org](http://www.McWainPond.org)

**Summary of Donna Butterall's McWain Pond Association Annual Meeting Minutes July 13, 2019**

Meeting began by thanking Rich Deering and Birch Rock for again hosting us. He thanked us for our support. The camp has about 25 campers this year. There will be four whale swimmers.

Nancy Hanger gave annual loon report. Ice out was April 30. Platform went out 2 weeks later. Loons had difficulty nesting due to flies. At the end of May, early June 2 eggs were in the nest. The loons were not as attentive this year and there was a problem with eagles that were eventually scared away. One egg disappeared, but one chick survived.

Mary Jewett from LEA spoke about her work and condition of McWain. The pond is healthy and has low counts of phosphorous and invasive plants such as a new concern: European Frog Bit Lily pads. Clarity is low due to weather, but should improve. A pond study is due in September. Mary is very involved in education for LEA. She does cruises on the Songo for children to raise awareness of guidelines for shoreline care for them and property owners. She has also been involved with programs in Bridgton.

Bill Cook has become a Lake Smart inspector and asked interested owners to sign up for inspection and ideas for improvement.

200ft. Marker Buoys were offered to anyone concerned about boat wakes. Association will provide buoys and owners will be responsible for care and storage. Larger boats on the Pond have been a problem for erosion and safety. If buoys do not work, a game warden will be contacted.

Tom and Gail Tremblay will host a pot luck social for owners to get to know each other. On August 24.

The following were reelected trustees: Rich Deering, Jim Kearney, and Earl Morse. Jared Whichard was elected as a new trustee.

We approved doubling donations to Waterford Fire Dept. and Stoneham Rescue.

The Annette Tomato Scholarship will be rolled over until next year if there is a student who majors in environmental sciences.

Pine needles have been more of a problem this year. State EPA is involved.

Planting at Doyles during watershed survey are doing well.

**McWain Pond Board of Trustees & Officers**

Tony Butterall-President

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Tom Tremblay-Treasurer

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Jim Kearney

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Peter Sevcik

Gary Smith

Chris Tomaino

Bruce Whichard

Jared Whichard

**Membership in the MPA**

**Stay connected to your community**

There is no mandatory requirement as a property owner on McWain Pond that you belong to the McWain Pond Association. However, there are some good reasons to take the leap to join or to keep paying the annual dues.

First of all, the dues are just \$25 per year. A token amount for sure. We maintain a bank balance of about \$10,000 in the event of an emergency, such as a repair of the spillway. The annual dues allows us to keep our head above water, pun intended! Each year we pay for testing and monitoring of the water quality, check for invasive plants, cover the cost of this newsletter and other administrative expenses. It also allows us to make modest contributions to area service providers and even a scholarship to a Waterford student.

***Please mail your Annual Dues to MPA  
PO Box 271, Waterford, ME, 04088***

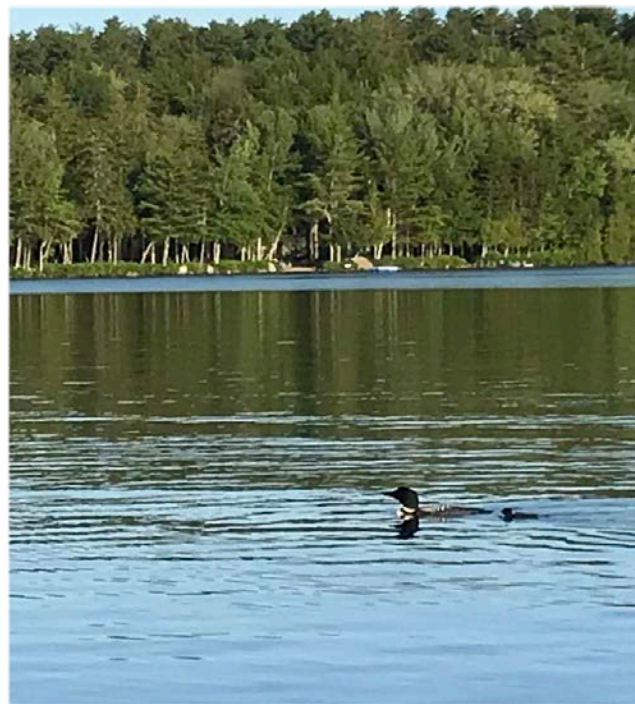
**By: Nancy Hanger**

The ice went out on April 10. I would have said that it was out April 8, when I saw the first loon, but it took two more days to get that south end to be ice free.

Lisa and Scott Fraley put the nest in on April 24 and the two loons came by to check it out that evening. On May 5, I watched them mate on the nest. They have to mate on solid ground. I am sure that they will still not lay any eggs until after the black flies leave. Usually they lay the eggs around the first of June.

Seeing an eagle soar overhead is a wonderful sight. Eagles have been welcomed back just as the loons were in the 1980s. But-- the loons now have to watch out for the eagles as well as the snapping turtles so they won't snatch the chicks as part of the natural way of things. They should not have to worry about humans as well.

**Please be mindful of the  
Loons on the nest  
and in the water.**



***Our Loons of 2019. We welcome them back in 2020!***

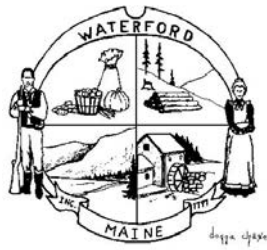


**Tom Murch's dog Phlynn is checking the ice out status on the North Shore in late March.**



Glenn Whichard rode his bike 1,794 miles from Tampa, Florida to McWain Pond to surprise his mother, Bobbi, with an unannounced visit. It took him 24 days. What people will do to spend a little time at McWain Pond...with their mom!

***If you have a Dock or considering adding a new dock or adding to your existing dock, please read the letter sent to the Association concerning “docks and piers on the water bodies in Waterford”. Please contact the Waterford Planning Board for further questions and permits!***



April 8, 2020

Waterford Planning Board  
366 Valley Rd  
Waterford, ME 04088

Dear Waterford Lake Associations;

As you may be aware, the Waterford Planning Board has been reviewing whether to further regulate docks/piers on the water bodies in Waterford by adjusting the Waterford Shore Land Zoning Ordinances with language that would restrict dock length and placement.

Instead, after considerable debate, the Planning Board has elected, for the time being, to introduce a new dock permit application which includes new guidelines for dock installations. These guidelines call for docks to be no more than 100 feet long, six feet wide, and for placement to set back five feet from property line boundary lines as those lines are extended from the shore out into the water.

Please see the attached Waterford Dock Permit Application for more detail regarding these guidelines.

Best Regards,

Charles W. Tarbell, Secretary

Cc: Waterford Selectmen, Waterford Planning Board Members, Waterford CEO

Enc: Waterford Dock Permit Application



# **McWain Pond Survey**

By: **Bruce Whichard**

On August 28, 2019, Ben Peierls, the Research Director of the Lakes Environmental Association, arrived at the Cottages at McWain Point to conduct a new surface water survey of our pond. The LEA has a 14 foot aluminum boat, powered by a propane motor. Ben conducted this water quality analysis of our lake, going back and forth, from the north to the south. Ben covered a lot of miles that day and was happy with the results and quality of our lake.

Then, on September 4, 2019, two divers from the Lakes Environmental Association also met at the Cottages at McWain Point to conduct a plant survey of our lake. We have done these plant surveys in the past. It is a good idea to do a plant survey every other year, just to keep a record of any changes in the plant life that might be accruing down under. This survey was led by the LEA Field Service Coordinator, Cory Dunning, and accompanied by LEA swimmer, Thomas Chagrasulis.

The two LEA swimmers and Bruce headed out to the southern end of the pond in Arlene's boat bright and early. The swimmers entered the water at the Waziyatah beach, and proceeded to swim the eastern shore up past Camp Waganaki. Nothing unusual found in that section, other than a few golf balls and a fishing pole. Swimming is done in close to land, to about 15 feet in depth. This is where the sun penetrates to the bottom of the lake promoting plant growth.

The swimmers entered the water again at Birch Rock Camp sailing docks and continued their survey north, still on the eastern shore of the Pond. Once they arrived up at the northern end, the shallow end, they spotted two areas of interest. Samples were taken to be brought back to the LEA research center for further analyzing. Cory and Thomas spent a lot of time swimming in the northern shallow end.

The last section of the lake surveyed was from the South Beach at McWain Shores up to the old Morse Apple Orchards. Once again, a spot was located of interest, samples taken, to be analyzed.

Thankfully, September 4 was a bright, sunny, quiet fall day, so it was a nice day to be out on the Pond. A huge THANK YOU goes out to Cory and Thomas and the LEA for conducting our McWain Pond Plant Survey. We hope to welcome them back in two years.

The plant samples taken, at the three spots in question, went to the LEA Research Center, to Roberta Hill at Maine Lake Stewards and to Earl Morse. We are happy to report that these plant samples are a native type of Milfoil. It is a plant that comes natural to our lakes. These areas will be monitored by Earl and Bruce.



Two weeks after this survey was completed, Arlene Whichard, Earl Morse and the adjoining land owner, stood by as Bruce once again, swam the one area, took more

samples for Earl, and photographed and mapped this location.

***We can not be too careful! Once a plant enters our pond that is not natural, it is almost impossible to remove it completely. Please clean not only your boats and trailers, but fishing gear, canoe and kayaks, paddles and anything that might enter our pond that could carry the tiniest plant fragment from another body of water.***



Eurasian Milfoil pictured on the right. This is the bad stuff!

## LAKES ENVIRONMENTAL ASSOCIATION - MCWAIN POND TESTING

By: Shannon Nelligan, LEA intern

The Lakes Environmental Association (LEA) sends their water testing interns (Addie Casali and Shannon Nelligan) to collect samples of water on McWain Pond, and many other lakes in our area.

Our responsibilities as LEA interns is to collect water samples from the deepest part of the lake, that we then use to research water quality. In order to obtain these samples, we locate the deepest spot in the lake and take measurements of the water temperature every meter.

The core depth, a term we use to indicate when there is at least a 3-degree drop in the temperature of the water, is then collected. On McWain Pond the deepest point is about 14 meters deep, marked by a "LEA TEST SITE" buoy in front of the McWain Shores Association, south beach. When the core depth is found, another intern siphons the water at the core depth into a container. Interns then use this water to measure the amount of ammonia, nitrate, PH, condensate and filter the chlorophyll out of the water. This testing is completed back at the LEA research laboratory in Bridgton. These results, and a small sample of the water are then transported to the Augusta laboratory for further research and more in depth testing of the pond. The water is tested every two weeks, and the information about the lake gets developed and sent back to the LEA. The LEA then correlates all this information. They maintain this data which, is then shared with the appropriate Lake Associations.

Maybe you have seen me out in the LEA canoe, doing water testing. If not, I am usually out on McWain Pond either kayaking, or fishing, practicing "catch and release". I have spent every summer of my life enjoying McWain Pond, it is a special place to me. I am very proud and honored to be a LEA intern, and to promote good health of our Lake.

Shannon Nelligan, LEA Intern, majoring in Fisheries and Wildlife Management, Unity College.





## The McWain Pond Pot Luck Picnic at Tom and Gail's Barn August 24th 2019

Tom and Gail Tremblay's daughter, Angela and her husband, Reuben Wheeler, presented a very informative McWain Pond Trivia Quiz that left some, if not many, guessing.

The event was a great time to meet friends, old and new, eat together and learn or remember a little history and facts about the place where we love spending some quality time!

We look forward to planning another gathering in the future! Thank you, Angela and Reuben and all who attended!



We are always looking for your stories, photos and creative writing for the MPA Newsletter. Please send your contributions to:

**McWain Pond Association**

PO Box 271, Waterford, ME 04088

or

Gail Tremblay at: [GigiTrem@yahoo.com](mailto:GigiTrem@yahoo.com)

### Summer 2020 Photo Contest

The winning picture will be the cover photo of next year's MPA Newsletter. Please email your entries to:

**Gail Tremblay, Editor**  
**[GigiTrem@yahoo.com](mailto:GigiTrem@yahoo.com)**



## McWAIN POND TRIVIA

1. What was the Original name of McWain Pond?
2. Who was McWain Pond named after and why?
3. What did this man hide in pine trees to prevent from being stolen?
4. What was the significance about the year 1816 in Maine History?
5. How many acres in surface does McWain Pond have?
6. What is the Maximum depth of McWain Pond?
7. Where is the outlet for McWain Pond?

*Most Answers can be found in the NewsLetter but you might have to do some research on your own or ask someone who has enjoyed this Pond for many, many years!! Perhaps you have more McWain Pond trivia to share.*

*Any guesses as to who, what and where this group is all about?*





# July 4th Boat Parade Fireworks Celebration and Giving

By: Bruce Whichard

We all are looking forward for the start of summer and our July 4th celebration. Under the careful guidance, many years ago by Commodore Bob Hanger, the original “boat parade”, started. Tradition dictates, that the McWain Pond boat parade will once again be a huge part of our Lake McWain family celebration! All boats are asked to join off the Point at the Cottages at McWain Point shortly prior to 4:00pm on July 4th. We would like a 4:00pm departure for our slow parade around the lake.

We hear from down south that Matt G. Pyrotechnics is at it again with another beautiful fireworks display in the works. Proper planning and preparations are underway for once again, a spectacular areal delight. Fireworks for all to enjoy will start approximately (weather permitting) at 9:15pm, from two barges out in the middle of the lake.

In the past, donations have been accepted for this pyrotechnic delight which have been given to Honor Flight Maine. We have collected about \$5,000 in the past three years, enough money to send 7 Veterans down to Washington DC with Honor Flight Maine to experience their memorials on a “trip of a lifetime!”

This year, we would like to keep our donations closer to home. We are planning on supporting two local Waterford organizations, the Waterford Food Pantry, and the Waterford Heating Oil Assistance Program.

Donations of can goods, non perishable foods, and money will donate to the Food Pantry and a portion of the monetary donations will help fund the Heating Oil Assistance Program. Names of those in need are collected by the Waterford Congregational Church, and the Waterford Town Office.



**To all who enjoys the July 4th fireworks display, please consider donating to two great Waterford causes.**

# LEGENDS DO EXIST!

By: Jared Whichard - MPA Trustee

Over my life, of just 22 years, I have heard many people tell me stories of real life legends. There is only a small group of people that qualify for that legend status. I have heard second hand stories from my father about this special group of men. My grandfather, Chuck Whichard, my Uncle Eddie Muzik, and Bill and Woody Hanger told me many stories about this special group of men. All of these stories have been "second hand stories", so are they true? Or are they just campfire stories? I even heard stories about them from MPA Trustee Chris Tomaino, whose father, Bruno Tomaino, also falls into this very rare "legend" category.

It all started over 100 years ago when Camp Waganaki had their first summer located on the eastern shores of Lake McWain. A lot can happen in 100 years, and apparently many men became real life legends while getting their childhood start, summering at Camp Waganaki. Is there something in the water of Lake McWain?

Last July, Mark McLaughlin and Brian Dwight, current owners of Camp Waganaki, themselves Waganaki alumni, invited many of these Waganaki Legends back up to the Red Lodge on the McWain Hillside to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the founding of Camp Waganaki. These men came back to one of their most cherished spots, to relive their childhood, to shake hands, to give a hug to one another, to smile, to laugh and shed a tear or two, in memory of other Legends that are with them in spirit. I, as a "youngster" amongst this group, finally had my opportunity to meet these men in person, to sit and talk with them, to ask questions of what Camp life was really like back in the '50's, 60's and 70's. I was there with my Grandmother, Bobbi Whichard, who also grew up with this crew of now, very funny and entertaining men. In my opinion, my grandmother also falls into that rare "Legend" category. My Great Grandparents, Ruth and Emile Muzik, also helped build Waganaki. My Great Grandmother was the camp nurse, who had to care for this group of extraordinary (boys) men. The stories were / are GREAT, and the opportunity to meet these people, all gathered together at Waganaki was / is unforgettable! Thank you Mark and Brian for such an incredible experience!

I got to meet Mr. Miller Bugliari, a former owner of the camp, a soccer coach and a man that spent eight decades at the Pingry School in New Jersey. Mr. Bugliari and my Great Grandfather were two of the original 8 men that formed the Lake McWain Association back in the late 1960's. I have heard many "Miller" stories in my life, Ghost Stories

Around the Campfire...the Kitchen Crew, Skunks in a Boat, Breaking into Broadcasting, Luck at Scarborough Downs.....and the list goes on. It was an honor to sit with Mr. Bugliari and his wife Elizabeth up in the Waganaki lodge and relive the past, to hear "Miller" stories first hand! I got to meet Mr. Gene Shea. My father tells me one of Gene's stories every time we have lobsters down at the Point. Short and simple, Gene, a pilot, buzzed the lake many years ago in a Vietnam era fighter jet. Scared the heck out of many campers down on the Waterfront. This story I never really could believe, but I finally got to hear the complete story right from the pilots mouth. You can't get away with doing that fly by today.

Joel Labow was also in attendance. There was a story about my Great Grandmother wanting to learn how to ride a motorcycle many years back. Joel was a Navy Medic, who better to have around when my great grandmother climbed up on the saddle of that motorcycle.? Yes, just another true story, first hand! (My great grandmother was OK, but that was her first and last motorcycle ride)

Aldro French, another Waganaki alumni, was in attendance. This man loved the Waganaki experience, the lakes and mountains of Maine so much. When he got older, Aldro went up to the Richardson Lakes, where he camped as a child and actually bought the Louise Dickenson Rich property on the Rapid River between Lower Richardson, Lower Dam and Umbagog Lake. Aldro is a wealth of knowledge about the Richardson Lakes, the old "Sporting Camps", about hunting and fly fishing, and where to find rare Maine gems. Yes, (most) of Aldro's stories are true.

Kevin Rooney was in attendance. He took over as waterfront director after my Uncle Eddie Muzik left Waganaki to assist my Great Grandparents running Camp McWain. Ronnie Schelfold was there along with a few other Legends of McWain Hill. Each one having their own special memory to share with the group of old friends.

We had a nice dinner and campfire that impressionable night, up there on the Waganaki Hill. To put faces, the actual people to these many stories that I have heard over the years of growing up on Lake McWain, gives a truer meaning to each story. To be there with my parents, and especially my grandmother, to see my grandmother interact, and to listen to her tell her stories about each of these Legends was so amazing.

Thank you Mark and Brian for giving me the opportunity to meet so many unique and different men, all that have one particular thing in common, Lake McWain. Thank you Miller, thank you Gene, thank you Aldro. I guess those second hand stories that my father has been telling me for the past 22 years really are true!



## Legends of Waganaki Celebrates 100 years



Jared enjoys an evening with the Legends of Waganaki



Arlene Whichard & the Waganaki Lodge



Today's Waganaki owner, Mark McLaughlin welcomes Jared and the rest of the Legends



Bruce Whichard shakes hands with Vietnam Veteran pilot, Gene Shea



Bobbi Whichard, Aldro French & Kevin Rooney (L to R)



## **A Little Bit of Trivia** By: Angela Wheeler

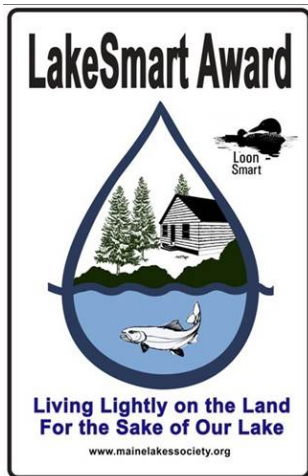
McWain Pond in Waterford is about two miles long by a half mile wide, covers 445 acres in surface area, and is nearly five miles around its perimeter. It has a maximum depth of 42 feet and a water quality rating of "slightly above average" as determined by the Maine Department of Environmental Protection.

According to the local Lakes Environmental Association, McWain Pond, whose watershed sprawls across 3.9 square miles, is an important asset to the quality of life and economy in Waterford. The shoreline is fringed with 75 seasonal and year-round residences and there are two summer youth camps, Camp Waziyatah and Birch Rock Camp, which annually attract 215 and 78 campers, respectively. McWain Pond drains to the Crooked River which flows to Sebago Lake.

There is no public boat access to McWain Pond, but if you are lucky enough to fish here you will find chain pickerel, shiners, sunfish, smallmouth bass, and perch.

McWain Pond was originally known as Long Pond and was renamed after Waterford's first settler, David McWain, who came to the area in 1775. David was said to have helped later settlers during hard winters by selling off his surplus corn at a low prices. It is rumored that David hid...Silver Dollars in pine trees around the Pond!

The year 1816 in Maine was called the year without a summer because of the continuously cold weather. Crop failures caused hoarding and big price increases for agricultural commodities.



## **Lake Smart Program Well Received** By: Bill Cook

Summer 2019 saw the first season that the Lake Smart program had a dedicated, evaluator on McWain Pond. Bill Cook completed the training program and was thrilled to bestow the Lake Smart Award to three properties on McWain.

Lake Smart is a totally voluntary evaluation, involving a walk through of the property to determine ways to mitigate runoff issues as they affect the pond. Suggestions are made for any improvements the property owner may want to make.

The following properties received the needed points to receive the Lake Smart designation. Congratulations are in order for Paul Krinsky, Tom and Gail Tremblay and George and Elizabeth Morse. Bill and Julie Cook also received the award after their property was evaluated by Roy Lambert, the regional Lake Smart coordinator in our area. If you are interested, you can contact Bill Cook at 207-256-4494 for more information.

## **Be Wake Wise...**

Wake surfing and wake boarding have increased in recent years. While the challenges and excitement of these sports are undeniable, they do require large wakes which can have side effects on McWain Pond.

Large wakes can damage docks, moored boats, loon nests and limit enjoyment of small watercraft like paddle boards, canoes and kayaks. Large wakes also erode the shoreline and stir up bottom sediment which often has a high phosphorous content. Phosphorous can cause algae blooms. Sediment can clog fish gills and suffocate fish eggs.

While large wakes are often associated with high speed boating, slow speed boating (6 to 12 mph) creates the largest wakes. Off plane, a boat's bow angles up and the propeller angles down which creates large wakes and stirs up bottom sediment in shallow water. This is known as "plowing the water".

**Please keep this in mind if you enjoy this sport and keep to deep water.**

# O Beautiful for...WAVES

**Waves** of Joy and friendship,  
Old Glory **waves** as the  
parade passes by.

Gail Tremblay

Pools of sorrow, **waves** of joy  
are drifting through my opened mind  
Possessing and caressing me...  
The Beatles



The wind blew across the water,  
Making **waves** so large they covered  
the horizon.

The sun that was just peaking below  
view shined through the **waves** as  
they moved in and out.

Mary Wheeler

The bus pulls away each morning  
Small hands **wave** goodbye  
As they begin their daily journey

Cara Berlien

**W**ith a silent welcome,  
**A**partness becomes less  
**V**ast, a calming  
**E**mbrace that, from afar, pulls us together like  
**S**eagulls by the shore.

Denise Drapeau

Life is like an ocean,  
With **waves** trying to pull you far out to sea.  
But, if you are patient,  
The **waves** will push you safely back to shore.

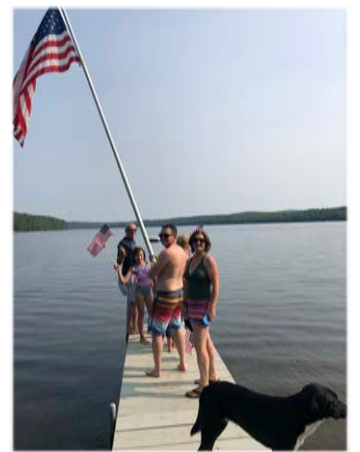
Shanna Drapeau

Inflated with air,  
The dancing balloon man  
**Waves** hello to everyone as they drive by.

Justin Berlien

Winter **waves** goodbye.  
Spring **waves** hello.

Norabelle Berlien



O Beautiful for spacious skies,  
For amber **Waves** of grain,  
For purple mountains majesties  
Above the fruited plain! America!  
America! God shed His grace on thee,  
And crown thy good with brotherhood  
From sea to shining sea!

Katherine Lee Bates, July 4, 1895

*I like going to see the  
Ocean  
To see the huge Waves.*

*Alexander Berlien*

Your choices have a ripple effect.  
If you choose kindness to start your ripple,  
You never know what **waves** they will turn into  
Or who they will touch.

Angela Wheeler

Atlantic Ocean **waves** remind me of my childhood.  
Sand Dollars and sandbars, those days were good.

Pacific Ocean **waves** are like home to me.  
Thirteen years spent looking out at that sea.

Sea salt spray in my face.  
Brings back the memories I can't replace.

The **waves** are home, no matter the coast.  
Living near the ocean fills my heart the most.

Stephanie Chateaufneuf



# In Memoriam

William Harry Haynes August 16, 1949 to March 8, 2020



You may have known Bill Haynes as he was our Code Enforcer in Waterford and much more!

We were with Bill at the town meeting on Saturday. Arlene and I had a nice long talk with Bill. We joked that he had fourteen hats that he wore for the town. But I only counted twelve. I asked him if he were starting to slow down, but he replied, “no, there is much to do here in Waterford, and I am doing my part”.

Bill always took pictures of everyone else, so I took three pictures of him at the meeting. He knew I was taking pictures of him. I did not get to share those pictures with him.  
(Bruce Whichard)

WATERFORD – On Sunday, March 8, 2020, William Harry Haynes, known to most as “Dood”, died unexpectedly at the age of 70.

He was born Aug. 16, 1949, in Bridgton, Maine, the son of William W. and Diane Burnham Haynes. Brought up in Waterford, he graduated in 1967 from Oxford Hills High School, where he played varsity basketball. He continued to play ball for the Maine Black Bears at the University of Maine in Orono, where he earned a degree in journalism.

After graduation, he embarked on what would become a nearly two-decade newspaper career. He wrote for the Advertiser-Democrat for four years, the last of which he served as managing editor. He went on to work as reporter and photographer for the Portland Press Herald. Later, he took photos and was publicity director for the Fryeburg Fair. Eight years after he ended his newspaper career, he combined his love of journalism and his commitment to civic engagement by founding The Mutiny Brook Times, a “good news” newspaper for the town of Waterford. He took over operation of the family farm, producing and selling hay. Along with his former wife, India Baker, he ran the Mutiny Brook Stables trail riding business. He built trails on the farm where visitors would take guided trail rides on horses bred on the farm. He took pride in his conscientious stewardship of the woodlot on the farm. He harvested and milled the wood himself. He also offered custom sawing at his sawmill. He was a devoted and active member of the Waterford and Oxford Hills communities. He was known around town as “the Mayor of Waterford”.

He was the code enforcement officer and cemetery superintendent for the Town of Waterford. He was a longtime member of the Norway-Paris Kiwanis Club and served as secretary. He served as assistant chief of the Waterford Volunteer Fire Department. He coached youth basketball and played for local men’s recreational teams. As a member of the Bear Mountain Library Association, he helped organize its merger with the Waterford Library. He supplied many photos to the Waterford Town Reports and Waterford Historical Society.

He is survived by his children, son, Preston Haynes of Waterford; daughter, Victoria Haynes and her husband, Jonathan Hendin of Brooklyn, N.Y.; three grandchildren, Sadie, Sawyer, and Francesca of Brooklyn, N.Y.; stepmother, Judith Haynes; and his cousin, Nancy Marcotte. He was predeceased by his parents and his brother, Frederick Haynes.



## **The Year With No Big Gatherings**

**By: Gail Tremblay, Editor**

If you studied the trivia quiz in this newsletter, you learned that in 1816 there was an event in Maine that changed Summer. Now, just over 200 years later, another event comes along that will change the Summer of 2020. What will people remember about this year?

Sometimes I think of just one word and what that word might mean to me and to others. This might stimulate a conversation, a poem or words of wisdom or even a friendly debate. When I sat down to gather all of the information and input for this year's Newsletter two words came to mind: "Gatherings" and "Waves."

I asked my family to gather their own thoughts and simply write something that included the word "Waves!" No questions asked! It turned into a delightful gathering of inspiration!

Those of us who get the chance to be near the water can enjoy the gathering of the waves on the shoreline or while out cruising along on the smooth flat water, in an instant of a gathering storm, the waves change our course!

How much gathering we do on a daily basis? What does that mean to you? We gather our food and all the supplies we need for our daily use. We gather all the materials we need for our creativity to work, to play and to move.

We gather wood for our comfort in our homes or for enjoying family and friends gathering around the fireplace. And, what could be better than gathering around the campfire while listening to the sound of the waves gathering on the shoreline?

Last year we were fortunate to be able to invite friends and family to large gatherings at our camp. A lot of time and energy goes into these events to make sure all goes smoothly, thankful that there is enough of everything to meet everyone's needs. There is stress and money involved in the preparation, but it is so important to visit, laugh and enjoy the people we know and love and those we meet. It is a joy to hear the giggles, the old stories, receive handshakes, hugs, kisses, friendship and love. How precious are those times!

How soon we will it be before we meet again, even if it is running quickly to grab belongings and food while that storm is gathering around? Maybe 2020 is the "Year With No Big Gatherings" but we can find those calm days before the **"waves gather"**.

***Make the best of your Summer of 2020 and savor the memories.***



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