

BASIN DAVID TILTON PONDS ASSOCIATION

Call to Meeting

The annual meeting of the Basin David and Tilton Ponds Association will be Friday, August 7th at 10 AM via Zoom technology and hosted by The Maine Lakes Society.

This summer is challenging in so many ways. All of the activities that used to punctuate my season from the fireworks, to Paddletrek, to family visits have been upended by the virus. Still I feel fortunate to do my social isolation in a place rich in natural beauty. Given the disproportionate number of seniors in our membership, and the number of frequent travelers from places outside of Maine we have chosen to meet safely, virtually with the help of Maine Lakes Society. Minutes of last year's meeting and the agenda for this meeting have been posted to the [BDTPA web site](#) for your review.

To register to attend:

1. Be sure you have paid your dues. Send a check for \$25 to Moe Longtin, 330 Shore Rd, Fayette, ME 04349
2. Register to attend by clicking the link on the BDTPA web site, www.BDTPA.org and enter your email address. A link to the meeting and instructions will be sent with a reminder to the address you enter. You may or may not want to download the zoom application to your phone, tablet or computer, but the link should connect you to the meeting regardless. Instructions for joining by phone only are also included.

If you do NOT plan to attend:

1. Be sure to pay your dues. Send a check to M. Longtin, 330 Shore Rd., Fayette, ME 04349
2. Also send Mo a proxy designating someone who is sure to attend to vote on your behalf. This is important as we need a quorum of members in attendance to hold a formal meeting. Your proxy counts toward our quorum count. Link to [proxy form here](#).

As this will be my last correspondence as president, I want to recognize the team. I am not going to thank anyone by name, but rather will recount what has been accomplished over the past 3 years. The number of people hours are incalculable. Our volunteers are David Pond heroes.

- Re-established a defunct organization.
- Repaired intentional damage done to our dam on multiple occasions over many years.
- Removed sandbags and debris from the dam site in response to DEP complaint
- Researched and analyzed the history of the water levels on David Pond, from data and maps.
- Created presentations, built a web site, did a press-relations tour of the lake
- Our members, including an expert engineer, consulted with the DEP convincing them to agree to allow us to maintain normal water levels.
- Measured the water level at least weekly and after rainfall
- Negotiated deeded access to the land from abutting property owners
- Recruited volunteers for an emergency response team...because here we go again!

As uncertain as the future seems, one thing is clear. We need a vigorous association to preserve the unique and marvelous natural resources that surround us. Please do more than just join. Think about a thing you can do to help continue the work of the association. (Some things that need doing...become a Lake Smart consultant, join the invasive plant patrol, join the emergency response team, promote membership to Tilton Pond residents)

I look forward to staying active and to working with our new president to seek more permanent solutions to our water level issues.

See you on the lake and, of course, on-line, no mask required, on Friday, Aug 7th at 10:00AM!

Stay safe,

Liz Hicks