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Winter/Spring 2017 Newsletter

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Exciting news! You can now support the MLRA when you shop at Amazon.com! By using this [Amazon Smile](https://smile.amazon.com) link to select MLRA as your charity to support, 0.5% of each eligible purchase will be donated to the MLRA when you use smile.amazon.com. If you receive your newsletter via US Mail, the link to type in to your computer is: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/22-2510524>

MLRA Board Member Elaine Beck is retiring from the MLRA



Elaine Beck, after decades of service to the MLRA, (starting in the 1980's!) has retired from the Mousam Lake Region Board of Directors. Over the years, Elaine has served our Mousam Lake community in many ways. Elaine has been Vice Presi-

dent of the BOD, Newsletter Editor, New Member Outreach Committee Member, and most recently she was in charge of membership responsibilities. All of us have been directly affected by her efforts as she has processed and printed count-

less letters to acknowledge dues and donations along with mailing membership stickers to our camps. Supported by her husband, Peter, she has spent countless hours working to help protect and improve the water quality of Mousam Lake while helping MLRA run smoothly. Going forward Elaine will continue to be part of the MLRA family where she has earned the distinguished title, **Director Emeritus**, having dedicated well over 10 years of service to our organization. Please join us in wishing Elaine Beck best wishes in retirement. Elaine, on behalf of the MLRA BOD and our members, we are truly grateful for all that you have contributed to our lake community - many thanks!

Welcome New Members

Steve Henry
Michael Keane

Directors	Contact Number	Position
Mark Rousseau	(978) 374-3771	President
Skip Bartosch	(207) 636-2751	Vice President
James (Jamie) Verity	(617) 901-5212	Treasurer
Jane Carmichael	(207) 636-1724	Secretary
Rich Eagleston	(978) 985-3243	Director
Glenn Baxter	(617) 285-3111	Director
Jack Kelley	(207) 636-3252	Director
Gary Thibodeaux	(207) 841-1575	Director
David Landry	(207) 692-3361	Director
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MLRA Water Quality Fund Drive 2017

Dear MLRA Members,

We hope you are having a wonderful holiday season and wish you a Happy and Prosperous New Year! Our year end donation mailing was held up this year and only mailed recently, so in an effort to try and provide some last minute tax planning opportunities to our Members, we are reaching out via email and newsletter as well.

The Mousam Lake Region Association's Board of Directors is grateful for your continued support and generous financial contributions. In 2016, with your support, we have continued to:

- * Improve Mousam Lake & Goose Pond's water quality by reducing soil erosion and polluted runoff.

- * Provide water quality education to our community and membership through educational workshops, annual meetings and our newsletters.

- * Installed a marker at Rogers Bridge, providing a reference point for water level and clearance through the culvert.

The Mousam Lake Region Association is also a proud sup-

porter of the Acton Shapleigh Youth Conservation Corps (ASYCC). Through the MLRA funding of the ASYCC, they are able to provide courtesy boat inspections at Mousam's public boat launch, as well as perform erosion control remediation work for Mousam Lake Region property owners.

Unfortunately, the Mousam watershed is susceptible to both erosion issues and the potential for an invasive plant infestation. Dealing with an infestation of an invasive aquatic plant can be very costly. Currently, other local lake associations are dealing with this problem and the eradication costs can run into the hundreds of thousands of dollars, never mind the negative impact to shorefront property values. Because of this and other potential risks to the Mousam watershed, the BOD created this fund in order to provide the immediate funds that may be necessary to commence any remediation process versus waiting for the State or local funding to become available. It is for this reason the Mousam Lake Board of Directors are reaching out to you to ask you to contribute to our Water Quality Im-

provement Fund. Your donation will be applied 100% to the MLRA Water Quality Improvement Fund.

You now have 2 ways to donate and make your tax deductible contribution!! You can go to our website www.mousamlake.org <<http://www.mousamlake.org>> and click on the "Donate" PayPal button on the homepage to the right of the lake map. You will then be taken to the secure PayPal website to enter in your donation amount and pay via you PayPal account or Debit/Credit card; or you can send along your check made payable to: Mousam Lake Region Association, P.O. Box 333, Springvale, ME 04083-0333. Please include your Last Name and Membership Number in both cases so that we can send along your donation acknowledgement letter!

Thank you for your continued generosity and Happy New Year to you and your families!!

Mousam Lake Region Association Board of Directors

Volunteers Needed for the MLRA!

We are looking for volunteers to help the MLRA! Existing openings are as follows:

- MLRA Board Members. We currently have two vacancies.
- Contributors for the Newsletter, Facebook page and Website (as often as one

would like to write and submit articles/blurbs)

- Website Maintenance (Monthly position using already existing website)
 - Plant Patrollers and coordinators (Summer positions, a few hours every other week or so)
- If you would like more information

on any of these positions, please email us at: info@mousamlake.org

ASYCC Update

The **Acton Shapleigh Youth Conservation Corps** is a community based non-profit organization whose goal is to protect the lakes and water quality in the Mousam Lake - Square Pond Watershed through the application of effective erosion control measures, technical assistance, public outreach, education and courtesy boat inspections. Highlights of the 2016 season include 5,815 boats inspected for aquatic plants and animals, 30 on-the-ground erosion control projects installed and 67 technical assistance visits completed. The 2017 Courtesy Boat Inspection and Erosion Control Crew season is gearing up and now accepting applications. Email applications to programdirector@asycc.com or mail them to ASYCC, P.O. Box 47, Springvale, Maine 04083. Interviews will be held mid-March and April while boat inspectors will begin as soon



as ice melts. The ECC (Erosion Control Crew) calendar fills up fast so if you are interested in having the ECC work on your property this summer, contact us soon through email at programdirector@asycc.com or call at 207-693-8080. For technical assistance to determine appropriate erosion

controls for your site, please contact Betty Smith at the above email or telephone. Board meetings will begin in March to plan for another successful ASYCC season. All of this would not be possible without our dedicated volunteer Board members who provide time, knowledge and support. Thank you to Kent Haake- VP, Joe Borst-Treasurer, Jane Thomas-Secretary, Scott & Debbie Lansberry-Directors, Denise Hanson-Director.

The ASYCC has open board member positions available and we encourage anyone who may be interested, to contact any of the Board Members listed above for more information or the program director. Help us to continue this important work. Thank you. Lastly, **SAVE THE DATE** for the **Annual ASYCC Golf Tournament** planned for August 4, 2017! Be on the lookout for more information coming soon.

MLRA 2017 Calendar of Events

Mark your calendars for this years MLRA events! These are a great way to meet other members and have some fun!

MLRA Annual Meeting	Saturday, June 24, 2017 9-11am
Light Up The Lake	July 3, 2017
Annual Boat Parade (Acton Side, meet in Carpenter's	July 4, 2017, Register at 11:00am
Kids Fishing Derby (Baxter Dock, main lake near	July 15, 2017. Registration 8:00
Invasive Plant Patrol Workshop (Lower Mousam)	July 22, 2017. More info in June Newsletter
ASYCC Annual Golf Tournament	August 4, 2017
Invasive Plant Patrol Workshop (Lower Mousam)	August 12, 2017. More info in June Newsletter

A CAMP BLESSING

*May the skies always be clear
May the Eagles always be here
May the Moon always shine bright
May the bugs only bite at night
May good health always be yours
May you never have a guest that snores
May God bless this new camp & you
And all you and your family do
But wherever you may roam
May you be proud to call this home*

*Janet Dickerson
August 18, 1998*

If you are interested in submitting a historical article, story, or anything of interest for future newsletters, email: gthib@roadrunner.com

Look for the Summer
Newsletter in June!

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