



Hi All,

Well, another year has come and gone, and what a year it's been. And it's not over yet...

We are all so much more fortunate than most. Life in Vermont, and especially at the Lake, may not have been "normal", but although our social life suffered, and friends were missed, we were still able to enjoy walks, swims, boat rides, and our beautiful outdoors. The weather was perfect. Warm. Sunny. Perfect. And our autumn foliage was magnificent, and went on to visually delight for such a long time. No church suppers, no gatherings over dinners or evening partying, but still. Great fireworks. Wonderful boat parade. And most of all, for almost all of us, good health. So far.

All the usual precautions still need to be taken. Conditions are now worsening everywhere. Our Vermont Town and Lake remain a safe haven compared to the rest of the country, but a bit less so as winter moves in. Despite our weariness, and wish to just move on, we yet have to maintain our vigilance. We eagerly await our vaccine, restoration of a peopled life, and next summer.

In the meantime, be cautious, but celebrate all the good things life offers that we can experience, and be thankful that the pending New Year beckons us with hope of better days to come. We will surely greet them with heartfelt gratitude.

Association news is good news – our Greeter Station is secure in its seasonal location for years to come. Thanks go first and foremost to Red and Chris Dufresne for their generous donation of additional land that allows Vermont's Department of Fish and Wildlife (owner of the Access property upon which our Station resides) to grant us their Special Use Permit well into the future. Thanks also to Don Easter and our Greeters for their labors in providing logs and photos over the summer to help us document thoroughly who visited the Access, along with when, how, and for what in great detail, thus helping all parties better plan and serve boaters, fishermen and residents alike. Thanks to Sherm Sprague for our time line photo albums, summer visitor Dee Robinson whose advice and direction in a multitude of areas was of immense help, and Kathy Wirthwein for ongoing maintenance of the spreadsheets created to illustrate and consolidate all that data.

And lastly, to our own LHA Trustees, Barnet Selectboard Chair Dylan Ford, and Commissioner Louis Porter, Eric Palmer and Mike Wichrowski of Vermont's Fish & Wildlife Department, our gratitude for reaching an agreement satisfactory to all.

It was a costly process, in time and dollars. We thank all of our members who have renewed their membership for 2021, and remind those who have not as yet done so, please do so now. Support our preservation efforts, our educational outreach, and our always special LHA weekend of fun and fireworks. Many thanks!

Wishing you all the best this holiday season. Stay safe and healthy, and welcome 2021!

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