

**AGN Board of Directors**  
**AGENDA**  
**October 5, 2020, 7 p.m. via Zoom**

**Announcements**

**Recap of September 2020 meeting**

- Approval of August Meeting Minutes: Lianne

**Correspondence to AGN: John**

#1: Deb Lockhart

#2: Elaine Gale

**New Business**

- Renewal of Conservation Restriction on Clark Beach/Clark Pond  
\* (See Legal Notice and Letter to the Editor at bottom)
- AGN membership attendance at Board meetings
- Process to post/disseminate meeting minutes
- Process for AGN members to request discussion of topics at a Board meeting
- Consider move monthly meetings to another day
- Committee Reports: Committee Chairs
  - Discuss process of adding volunteers to Committees
  - Nomination Committee: John  
- Filling 11<sup>th</sup> Board position
  - Finance Committee: Ray  
- Treasurer's Report
  - Activities Committee: Ellen  
- Dinner Bell  
- Road Race
  - Clark Beach Operations Committee: Berni  
- Clark Beach gate usage  
- Pram/Kayak rack removal – October 17
  - Communications Committee: Kelly  
- Website

- Social Media
- IBYC Committee: Kelly
- Membership Committee: Diane
- Property Committee: Ray/Lianne
  - Application with ConsCom to repair Clark Pond dam
  - Request to meet with Conservation Director
  - Triangle Garden
- PGN Committee: Don
- Scholarship Committee: Lianne
- Town Boards: John/Walter

## **Old Business**

## **Last Thoughts**

**Next Meeting:** TBD

## **Adjourn**

Clark Pond Dam

Legal Notice:

*Please note the Ipswich Conservation Commission, in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 131, Section 40 and the Ipswich Wetlands Protection Bylaw, will hold a Public Meeting via Zoom Conference Call, on Wednesday, October 7, 2020 at 7:00 P.M., relative to a filing by Association of Great Neck, Inc. for work at Clark Road shown on Tax Map: 24A, Lot:097 for a REQUEST FOR DETERMINATION OF APPLICABILITY to repoint concrete and stone spillway on the Clark Pond Dam; all work done entirely by hand within a jurisdictional area.*

*Conservation Agent*

*Ipswich Conservation Department*

## **Ipswich Local News: October 2, 2020**

**Letter: Clark Pond Dam repair unnecessary, irresponsible and potentially harmful**

To the Editor:

I am writing to the editor, but particularly to the Conservation Commissioners, who have a request before them to repair the Clark Pond Dam.

The Association of Great Neck has applied to the Conservation Commission for permission to do this work.

As a 30-plus-year resident directly overlooking the pond and the dam, we feel this repair is unnecessary, and in fact could be harmful to the ecosystem in the pond and surrounding areas.

The dam has been in major disrepair for many of the years we have lived here. The dam being in disrepair, has allowed salt water to flush back into the pond on many of our high tide cycles.

This back flushing has resulted in a unique brackish environment, which supports a variety of fish, aquatic mammals, and bird species.

Eels have been sighted in the pond this year, and may have very well breached the dam because of its state of disrepair.

Phragmites, which grows in areas surrounding the pond, is made less opportunistic by this flushing.

For the past several years, with the lack of rain, the outflow below the dam has been virtually nonexistent except during the hightide cycle.

In conclusion, in an age where our strongest environmental concerns are about taking dams down to allow for the natural flow of water and the life that water brings, there is no reason to buck that trend in this situation.

To do so would be unnecessary, irresponsible and potentially harmful.

Sincerely,  
Dean Wilbur  
Clark Road