

**President's Report  
Chilmark Pond Association  
June 2019**

Pond Openings and Health

As the Commissioners will report, we had a nearly record-breaking opening this winter. The April opening lasted only a few days and was followed by unusually heavy rains and very high water, so a summer opening was necessary. The hope was to mechanically close the cut to maintain some depth heading into the warm season, but Nature had other plans. The Pond is getting a very good flush with about a foot of water exchange between tides. As noted in my recent update, more sand washes and blows into the Pond than out causing shoaling and for several years we have been prevented from doing extended cut work that would help improve drainage.

We have been working closely with the Chilmark Pond Foundation as it collects data for a plan to restore the Pond's natural habitat by improving water circulation and mixing in the Pond. This will be a long-term project that we hope will result in many benefits to the Pond and CPA members.

After the 2018 Annual Meeting, the Executive Committee learned that the CPA was named in a 2005 DEP permit (amended in 2007) to manage invasive species using glyphosate. The ExCom reviewed years of CPA minutes and found that the membership decided not to do this project, but to provide some financial support. We asked the individual also named in the permit and the Chilmark Conservation Commission to remove the CPA and were instructed by the ConCom to file a Request for Certificate of Compliance, which has been filed.

Membership List Updates/Electronic Information

We also spent time this past year updating our tax list. It would be helpful if members would let us know when they sell or otherwise transfer their property. We hope to move to more online communications and are exploring online payment of CPA taxes.

Annual Meeting

The 2019 Annual meeting will be on August 11<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m. in the Chilmark Library meeting room. From 4:30-5:30 we will have a briefing from the Chilmark Pond Foundation and our annual meeting will commence at 5:30.

Submitted by:

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