



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

This information is being provided to members and supporters of FBL in lieu of the Annual Fall Forum and Annual Business meeting.

Business Agenda

Election of Directors

State statutes stipulate FBL hold an annual election for its Directors. The current Board of Directors and ending terms are as follows,

Board Member	Term Expires End Of
Leona Crosskey	2021
David Forrest	2022
Rochelle Jewell	2021
Jason Seacat	2021
Paul Senk	2021
Donna Tedford-Sheridan	2022
Peter Van Dine	2020
John Williams	2020
Ute Winebrenner	2022

The Board has proposed delaying elections until next year when we hope to be able to have an in-person meeting. The two directors whose terms will end this year have agreed to stay on the Board.

Financial Report

The January 2020 beginning balance was \$7,240.42. The balance as of November 12, 2020

was \$7,672.19.

The complete year-end financial report will be available on the FBL website in early 2021.

Membership Report

FBL had 122 memberships as of 10/20/20. Membership has remained steady over the past three years at about 120 memberships. This does not include joint memberships and family members, so the number of individuals who are members is currently closer to 150.

Annual Forum Discussions-Activities in 2020

- FBL brought together the stakeholders and consultants of the Bolton Lakes to begin the development of an effectively managed drawdown program.
- FBL monitored the efforts of local officials and state legislators who secured the state funding, obtained permitting and drafted the request for proposal for the dam reconstruction work on Hatch Hill.
- FBL funded a plant survey for Middle Bolton Lake which was completed by the Connecticut Agricultural & Experiment Station (CAES) in July. The last survey was done ten years ago. The survey will appear on the CAES website soon.
- FBL acted upon numerous submissions to the Bolton Lake's Invasive Plant Reporting tool which can be found [here](#) on the FBL website. Thank you for your help, and please continue to use this tool to report any suspicious plants.
- DEEP(Department of Energy and Environmental Protection) Boating Division conducted aquatic invasive species training for FBL members in August. They are now qualified as ambassadors at the public boat launches to hand out educational material to lake visitors. Look for them this spring.
- FBL is a prominent participant in the draft of a Bolton Lakes Watershed Management Plan. The draft should be completed by 12/31/2020.
- The FBL Water Monitoring Group, a subgroup of the science committee, in collaboration with the Town of Vernon and NEAR(New England Aquatic Research), collected bimonthly water chemistry data in the Middle Lake while continuing similar activity in the Lower Lake.
- The FBL buoy in Lower Lake collected continuous light penetration and temperature data yielding significant insight into the effect of strong wind induced turbulence on the condition of the lake.

The Directors of FBL thank all of you for your unwavering support and your participation with your organization

On behalf of the Board of Directors, have a safe and healthy season ahead.

David Forrest, President FBL