

Thanks from the WHPWA (Leslie Volpe, WHPWA, *Boothbay Register*, September 25, 2018)

Dear Editor,

On behalf of the West Harbor Pond Watershed Association, I would like to thank our community for their support of the Campaign to Save West Harbor Pond. We are proud to be part of a community that has the vision and the foresight to save this ecological treasure.

The Campaign closed on Sept. 15 with contributions totaling more than \$58,000! We received more than 105 gifts from individuals and businesses throughout the community and beyond in support of this critical conservation effort. Your contributions will be used to fund the replacement of the West Harbor Pond siphon and to pay for associated costs, including insurance, a reserve fund for maintenance and repair of the siphon, as well as measures, including water testing, that will maintain the water quality of the Pond in the years to come.

With the exception of those who have requested anonymity, all of our generous donors have been recognized on the website, www.westharborpond.org.

Specifically there are a number of factors I believe were critical to the success of the Campaign and should be noted: the hard work, perseverance and financial support of the WHPWA membership; the support of the Boothbay Register through the insightful reporting of Joseph Charpentier combined with Robert Mitchell's timely column, both of which greatly enhanced awareness and interest in the campaign; and the generosity of Paul Coulombe, whose contribution was significant in the success of our fundraising efforts. Thanks to one and all.

Preparations for the siphon replacement are currently underway, and the project is scheduled for completion in November. I invite readers to visit the website for more information and updates on the siphon project.

Sincerely,
Leslie Volpe, President
WHPWA

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