**On behalf of the Board, I’d like to thank everyone here today and the membership for their support during our inaugural year as a NH Nonprofit 501(c)3. You can see all the things we’ve accomplished on the backside of this year’s meeting agenda. I’d like to especially thank the Board Members and Officers: past Board member Sage Sohier, and current members - Lou Demaio, Linda DeMaio, Fred Philips, Mary Hillsgrove, and Gail Colozzi for their commitment, time, effort, and ideas toward carrying out the mission of BCPA, and accomplishing these things; all purely volunteer work done for the love of this beautiful natural treasure we all enjoy. In particular, I’d like to say thanks to Linda and Lou DeMaio who have so graciously hosted the Annual Meeting at their home these past two years. A special thank you to Linda who has served as secretary for a number of years. We’re grateful to Hayden and Mary Hillsgrove for assisting with the loon raft and making an easy task of it. Thanks, also, to both April Greene-Colozzi and Gail Colozzi for their time and effort in developing and getting our website up and running, and to Gail for maintaining our website and BCPA email, creating the pond guidelines fact sheet and fridge magnets, and spearheading the cyanobacteria and the Town Beach signage projects.**

**We look forward to the coming year and the successful continuation of our mission. In that regard, it’s quite clear that we need the participation of the next generations in taking up the mission of BCPA. So, I’m issuing a call to all the Gen X and Millennials who enjoy the pond, who are related to or friends with the older generation, to begin their active participation now, whether to become a member or volunteer for some activity. The not so distant future of Bearcamp Pond and BCPA will be in your hands. So, let’s all of us present here, reach out to those younger people we know and encourage them to start participating. I’d also like to encourage BCPA members to consider running for the Board and becoming actively involved in protecting and preserving the beautiful treasure we have – Bearcamp Pond.**