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Dear Friends and Neighbors of Pleasant Pond and Cobbosseecontee Stream,



Season's greetings and best wishes for the New Year! I hope you enjoy meaningful time with family and friends during the holidays. The big snowfall overnight was a great treat and guarantees a white Christmas for the first time in years, it seems. Thank goodness Mainers know how to deal with snow!

My name is Greg Anderson, and I am honored to serve as President of the **Pleasant Pond – Cobbosseecontee Stream Lake Association (PPCSLA)**. Our association builds on the dedicated work of Jack Daniel, who has kept our PPCSLA community informed and engaged for the past several years, and honors the legacy of David Kamila, a friend to many in the area, whose volunteerism, commitment to watershed protection, and New Mills Dam oversight, was exemplary. Our association motto, *"Protect today. Preserve for Tomorrow. Enjoy for a lifetime."*, truly reflects the outstanding contributions both Jack and David have made to our community. Thank you both! I would also express great thanks to Mark Fish, for generously moderating the PPCSLA Facebook group page for many years and helping to keep our community informed.

The New Year brings a new direction and opportunities for the PPCSLA. At our Annual Gathering last August, I outlined the necessity of transitioning PPCSLA to a 501(3) nonprofit to better serve our community through education, public engagement, and strengthening our partnership with the **Watershed Friends** (formerly Friends of the Cobbossee Watershed) in combating **aquatic invasive species (AIS)** affecting our lake and stream. The Watershed Friends now focus exclusively on AIS services, negotiating scope-of-services and costs with each lake association. By becoming a tax-exempt, nonprofit, the PPCSLA can provide our members with the option to claim tax benefits for their contributions. Moreover, such status will give us access to other services at a discount, and grants from other organizations to help further our mission.

Following the Annual Gathering in August, a Steering Committee was formed to oversee incorporation and tax-exempt status. With the guidance of Lindsay Dickerson, Esq., we drafted our Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws. The application for nonprofit status was filed with the State of Maine on November 22, 2025, and we anticipate confirmation soon. Upon incorporation, we will obtain an EIN, open a bank account, and apply for IRS 501(c)(3) status.

Our new website, www.ppcsla.org, is now live and serves as a central resource for information and updates about our association, AIS, the greater Cobbossee Watershed, and how you can get involved. I hope you'll take a moment to explore the website, get to know a bit about our



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Steering Committee members, and peruse information and resources therein. Of course, being new, the website is a work in progress. We encourage your feedback and contributions, including photographs, notices of events such as the now several “Concerts on the Pond,” to enhance the site’s value to our community. I hope you’ll like it and find it a source of new and interesting information about our lake and stream. Suggestions and contributions to the website can be directed to me (my contact information is below). I’ll look forward to hearing from you.

Looking ahead, the PPCSLA Steering Committee is developing a **three-year strategic plan** to ensure future organizational and financial stability. Once finalized, it will be available, on request, to our membership. In early spring, we will launch our 2026 membership campaign, inviting households to join PPCSLA for an annual fee of just \$25. To pay for our needed AIS services, we will also ask you to contribute generously to our **AIS Control Fund**. Details on the fund and Watershed Friends’ AIS services are available on the website.

Thank you for your community spirit and ongoing stewardship and love of our lake and stream. If I don’t bump into you sooner out on the water, I look forward to meeting you at our **next Annual Gathering on Saturday, July 11, 2026**. Details on the Gathering will be forthcoming in the New year. Until then, stay safe and warm. If you have any questions about the PPCSLA, please reach out to me anytime (except between 9 pm and 6 am). Thanks everyone!

On behalf of myself and the PPCSLA Steering Committee, we wish you and your family peace and happiness (and good fishing) in the New Year.

Best wishes,

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