

Properties Committee

While the Properties Committee did not meet in 2020, there are a number of things that can be reported about the Canonicus property.

Slocum Reservoir Dam

- Due to a drier than usual summer the water level Lake Adams was lower than normal, and the maintenance staff noticed that sink holes had formed behind the stone face of the spillway. Left unchecked this situation could cause the dam to breach.
- Based on recommendations of an engineer of Pare Corporation, the level of Lake Adams was lowered even more, with the goal of keeping the water from running through the sinkholes and furthering the damage.
- An agreement was entered into with Pare Corporation to analyze the issue, suggest repairs, and apply for permits when repairs were authorized. Current estimates of repairs are in the range of \$550k to \$650k.
- The Natural Resources Conservation Service was contacted to explore the possibility of financial assistance. We currently have an application in with them, as well as Coastal Resource Management Commission. Both applications are still in process.
- The current outlook for the project is that repairs would start sometime around the end of August to the beginning of September 2021. This timing is based on a number of factors, including camp and conferencing programming and the time needed to complete the work once started. The water level in Lake Adams will need to be kept low until the work is completed.

Buildings

- The final upgrades requested by the North Kingstown fire marshal were completed at the Green and Rathbun Retreat Lodges.
- Minor repairs and upgrades were made to Cedarholm House and Snell House before the new food service manager and new camp director moved on site.
- The radio box attached to the fire panel in Meadowwood Conference Center has been upgraded. The previous unit was 25 years old and not functioning.
- Chipuxett Bathhouse roof and an out-building at the Breezeymere house were damaged due to storms. Insurance claims were filed. The Breezeymere out-building was determined to be a total loss.

Property

- A young man from Phenix Baptist Church repaired/replaced a foot bridge connecting the Meadowwood Conference Center to a field on the other side of

the water as his service project associated with attaining the rank of Eagle Scout with the Boy Scouts.

- In 2018 we entered into an agreement with NextPath Financial to explore the feasibility of leasing a section of the Canonicus property for the creation of a two-megawatt solar farm. It was determined that due to the current National Grid infrastructure such a project is not feasible for NextPath to engage in at this time. The agreement has come to an end.