

**Lake Anasagunticook Association
Annual Meeting Minutes Hartford Town Hall
August 14, 2011**

Mr. Atwater, the President called the assembly to attention. Mr. Gray confirmed a quorum at 10:10 and the meeting was called to order. Last years minutes were reviewed and tabled without alteration.

TREASURERS'S REPORT

Mr. Dougherty

A copy of the approved report will be in the next newsletter. Summary of items of note:

- Income from dues \$2000 vs. budget of \$1,950
- Unencumbered donations were \$160 vs. budget of \$50
- Dividends were \$37 vs. budget of \$75
- Fund raising events generated unencumbered amount of \$599 vs. budget of \$500
- Total income \$2,781 vs. budget of \$2,640
- Expenses for newsletters \$1,312 vs. budget of \$1,300
- Postage for membership \$22 vs. budget of \$100
- Insurance \$1,373 vs. budget \$1,400
- Annual Report to State \$50 vs. \$35
- Membership in COLA \$296 vs. \$350
- Contributions to other organizations \$190 vs. budget of \$200
- Website costs were \$144 vs. budget of \$150
- Misc. office expenses of \$474 vs. \$350
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TOTAL expenses were \$3,840 vs. budget of \$5,000 making a carryover of \$1059.

- Capital Campaign raised \$23,645 vs. budget of \$25,000
- Disbursed \$15,000 to Canton for engineering
- Expenses of \$872 leaving net balance \$10,482
- Fund balances were all positive
- Dam Fund \$40,598
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Mr. Williams asked when we have to pay more money to Canton.

Answer: Ms. Hamilton and Mr. Dougherty stated that in their opinion it would probably be after grant monies have been expended.

On a motion by Ms. Boness seconded by Ms. Gray, the Treasurer's Report and budget for 2011-2012 were passed by unanimous voice vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Invasive Plants

Mr. Knight

Lake monitored on west side without event. Hoping to do Canton end soon. Do not support a fishing derby. Samples are not being collected as there are no unusual plants.. "Peeping Tom" canoe is working well. **NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR LAKE MONITORING.**

Mr. Atwater listed State funds for various New England states that are attempting to eradicate invasive plants. The lesson is to find invasive plants before they enter the water or as quickly as possible thereafter.

- **DASH boat can cost \$250,000**
- **Herbicides not effective except in long term**
- **Bottom barrier is most efficient but it too is costly and kills all vegetation**
- **PROPERTY VALUES GO DOWN \$12,000 ON AVERAGE.**

Discussion followed about State of Maine expenditures and tax rates if invasive plants occur.

Reminder that we need volunteers to look for plants and inspect boats after the new boat ramp is commissioned. Discussion about the boat ramp and navigation of Whitney Brook followed.

Capital Campaign

Mr. Gray

Three Items to cover:

Progress of phase 1.

- **Still have goal of \$165,000. Costs above grants are unknown.**
- **Actual cash donations as of now are \$29,500 collected**
- **Pledges outstanding total \$43,450**
- **141 donors compared to 101 (annual meeting to annual meeting)**
- **Total raised today \$93,000 or 62% of goal.**
- **Fundraising expenses or funds less than 3% of total funds raised**

Phase 2

- **Preliminary planning phase (any ideas?)**
- **CCC will meet soon to discuss press releases, mailings, site signage,**
- **Target corporate sponsors**
- **Feeling there a group of donors that has been waiting to see if project gets underway.**
- **Increase % of lakefront owners who have participated.**
- **Suggest personal contact to reach 100% so as to encourage others to participate.**

Phase 3

Continue to thank all that have donated, review what has been accomplished and do more if necessary.

LakeSmart

Mr. W. Atwater

Still looking for a new manager of the project.

Membership Committee

Mr. Knight

111 members as of today

Education Committee

Ms. Boness

- Information about camp roads has been pulled together and we will have links published on the LAA website. Towns' rules may be more stringent than State Rules.
- Clearing of vegetation in shoreland zone is only permissible provided all rules are followed.
- Septic issues
 - By definition overboard discharge is the type that discharge into waterbodies and applies not just to boats
- Email Ms. Boness and she will send the links files she compiled.

Need a watershed sign on Church Street to replace missing one.

Website address is www.lakeanasagunticook.org

Water Quality

Dr. Hamilton

Passed out graphs of test results the discussed Secchi disk (water clarity) and oxygen content tests. Secchi disk measures the depth at which one loses sight of the disk. July readings since 1999 to this year show slight downward trend. Fluctuates tremendously. Annual readings averages 1988 onwards tests have been standardized and trend line is flat.

Oxygen reading is more important because it shows the health of the lake. The higher the O₂ level the less chance of algae bloom. Low oxygen increases phosphate levels which is a food source for algae. A wide-ranging discussion followed.

Nominations Committee

Mr. Henderson

Officer Slate (to serve one year):

Mr. Biff Atwater, President,

Mr. Bill Gray Vice-president,

Mr. Gary Dougherty, Treasurer and

Ms. Terry Hinkley, Secretary

Board Members as Slate:

New members to serve three years:

Ms. Carolyn Gray & Ms. Diane Ray

To continue serving:

Ms. Garcia-O’Keefe, Mr. Shawn Henderson, Mr. Rusty Knight, Ms. Joanne Bartlett, Ms. Leslie Boness, Ms. Elaine Ferland, and Mr. Wayne Schultz.

Nature Reports

Ms. Bussiere & Ms. Taylor

Loon report 1 baby loon with nest pair on platform. 5 adult loons and one baby on loon count day.

Also seen:

Bald Eagle, Osprey, Ring-billed Gulls, Canada geese family, Great Blue Herons, Double-crested Cormorant, Pileated and Downy woodpeckers; Wood and Mallard ducks, Spotted Sandpipers, Belted Kingfishers, Hooded Mergansers and a young moose.

Lake Day Report

Mr. Dougherty

Raffle raised \$130, food sales raised \$58

Unfinished Business

(none)

New Business

Mr. Atwater

Election of Officers

It was moved and seconded that the Slate of Officers offered by the Board be accepted without alterations. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Election of Directors

It was moved and seconded that the nominations of new directors be accepted as presented. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Awards and Recognitions

Mr. Atwater

Loon level (10 years continuous membership)

**Richard and Mary Binette
Denise and Ngan Chow
Marc and Beth Drabik
Betty Marston**

Eagle Level (20 years of continuous membership)

Gary and Terry Hinkley

Directors Emeritus (new category)

For individuals who served on the board with dedication far exceeding expectations and for their devotion to and hard work for the Association and the Watershed

**Mr. Jack Atwater
Ms. Judy Hamilton**

Dam Advisory Committee

Ms. Hamilton

The Project starts next week. It will cost \$527,000 unless bedrock is below (lower than) 10 feet. Discussion followed about the bid process and reviewing status of the other grants and projects that are interconnected and related with the new dam and adjacent properties.

Announcements

Mr. Atwater

- **Hartford Center Redemption will direct your redemption (5 cents) to the LAA Dam Fund and add a penny.**
- **Next years meeting will be August 12, 2012**

11:40 AM Adjourn on a motion by Mr. Gray, seconded by Ms. Gray and unanimous voice approval.

Submitted by

**Respectfully submitted,
William Atwater
President, LAA**