

Lake Anasagunticook Association

Officers & Directors Meeting

September 2, 2006

Minutes

Officers in Attendance: Biff Atwater, President

John Convey, Vice President

Beth Convey, Secretary

Judy Hamilton, Treasurer

Directors in Attendance: Brenda Adams, Jack Atwater, Daryl Boness, Joe Cloonan,

Buzz Croston, Carolyn Gray, Terry Hinkley, Terry Smith, Terri Swanick.

Treasurer's Report

Judy Hamilton brought to our attention that the annual membership dues have been changed to \$10.00 for an individual membership and \$10.00 for each voting member in a family. The Treasurer's Report was distributed and approved.

By-laws

Biff Atwater has a new copy of the by-laws indicating the changes in membership dues. Jack Atwater reminded us that Leslie Boness had indicated at the Annual Meeting that we change the wording in Article Two, Section 1 of the by-laws to make reference to 501(c)(3). As soon as the LAA has the right wording it will be entered in the by-laws.

Canton Beach/Stairs

Jack Atwater will contact a stone mason to check the stairs on Canton Beach and get a proposal for the cost of a railing to be added to the steps. Jack will contact Polly Bussiere to determine the market value for any work that needs to be done. Buzz Croston indicated that there was a big gap between the steps.

LakeSmart

Judy Hamilton indicated that there have been five more properties evaluated. We have had two recognitions on Church Street and three more awards - the Atwater's, the Taylor's and the William's. We have up to ten LakeSmart awards. Biff Atwater reminded us of the Oxford County Soil & Water Conservation District 60 year celebration dinner/party to be held on September 9 at the Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School. LAA will reimburse those who will attend representing the Association.

Front Runner

Terry Hinkley spoke with Randy Gammon about the Front Runner. Terry does not know if Randy has a Front Runner or a Rock Rake. Also, she doesn't think Randy has had training to operate a Front Runner. Joe Cloonan believes the training only cost \$10.00 and proposed we pick one or two persons to attend the seminar. Joe said we should consider Norm Trenoworth as one of the candidates to be trained. Biff mentioned that you first have to attend an hour seminar and then do more time training on the Front Runner. Joe Cloonan suggested we identify, in the watershed, those roads that need crowning once a year. Joe Cloonan and Judy Hamilton volunteered to inventory the roads.

Old Business

Directors Volunteer List

Biff Atwater distributed the Directors Volunteer list so that all Directors and members indicate their areas of interest.

Lake Days

Biff Atwater requested that we review, and/or improve different aspects of Lake Days. Judy Hamilton suggested we set a Lake Days Committee. Jack Atwater believes a boat event would work. Terry Hinkley said it would be more fun if we play the games before the raffle and Carolyn Gray thought that more publicity would help as well as fund raisers, prizes, etc. Biff thinks the winners should pick their own prizes. A committee consisting of Jack Atwater, Carolyn Gray and Terry Hinkley will volunteer for next year Lake Days. Carolyn will write Thank You notes to all those who contributed to Lake Days on behalf of LAA. We will indicate the names of the contributors in the Newsletter, the Website, as well as send a copy of the newsletter to the donors.

Permits

Judy Hamilton brought to our attention, a list of permits granted in 2006 in the watershed, (published in the Hartford News) which was issued as a result of the Hartford Selectmen's meeting held on September 1, 2005 with the two lake associations. With the publication of these permits, residents are cognizant of the many permits needed for land use activities. This makes us all aware that if we see certain actions taking place and its not on the list of permits, we should contact the Canton or Hartford Town Office.

Lake Smart

All Officers and Directors discussed ways in which we could encourage residents participation in the LakeSmart evaluation of their properties while waiving any fees. Joe Cloonan and Judy Hamilton will conduct a study into ways of developing a waiver of permit fees, as well as ways of helping residents with the cost of improving their property to meet LakeSmart requirements.

Boat Ramp

Judy Hamilton spoke with the current owner of the boat ramp asking him to come to our meeting, but Judy did not hear back from him. Judy mentioned that he has built up a berm that directs water into a sink hole, which prevents runoff into the beach. As the ramp owner has not approached us for assistance, we will wait until LAA has an official request from him before we take any action - one way or the other. LAA would rather not have a boat ramp for many reasons, i.e., pollution and milfoil contamination, cost for upkeep, supervision, liability, etc. We are not sure if the lake will be stocked with fish if the boat ramp is closed. Terry Hinkley suggested we recognize his property improvement in the Newsletter,

which would encourage other residents to be more aware of erosion into the lake. Judy Hamilton will prepare an article for LakeSmart to be published in the Newsletter.

Front Runner

Judy Hamilton would like to appropriate \$50.00+ to have five people - including the two town road commissioners - to attend a Front Runner seminar so that LAA would have at least three individuals who would be able to run a Front Runner. Carolyn Gray suggested we approach Craig Gammon. Terry Hinkley will take a look at Randy Gammon's Front Runner to make sure he has the proper equipment. Biff Atwater and Judy Hamilton will work on the wording of this Motion for the next meeting

New Business

Dates for Next Year's Meetings

Memorial Day, July 4th, and Labor Day. Lake Days and the Annual Meeting will be held the second weekend in August.

Town CEO's

Biff Atwater would like all members of LAA to continue our association and cooperation with the towns of Canton and Hartford CEO's.

Loon Nests

Daryl Boness will speak with Loon researchers and the Boy Scouts to determine if nests and/or what types of nests should be built for the loons on the lake.

Yahoo Website

Biff Atwater is encouraging the Directors and Members of the LAA to participate in the Yahoo Website. Some members have been having problems signing on.

Canton Beach Handrail

Jack Atwater will determine the cost, as well as the permit, to have a handrail on the Canton steps. Jack was not sure if it was feasible. Jack will contact Polly Bussiere and other individuals to decide if the handrail can be installed and the matter will be discussed at our next meeting.

Membership

Judy Hamilton indicated that next year - in 2007 - when members pay their dues, we will have 8 or 9 twenty year members to the LAA. Judy believes we should do some sort of a celebration. For 2006 we have 99 paid members, 69 of them a Loon members (10 years or more), 8 that have 19 years of membership, and next year 2007 - possibly 9 families, that will be twenty year members. Making them Moose members and perhaps a little gift will be in order. Jack Atwater volunteered to write a history of the Lake Association for the Newsletter. Judy would like more fundraising ideas. The fundraising committee will consist of Carolyn Gray, Judy Hamilton and Terry Hinkley.

Newsletter

The next Newsletter will be will be in October and the deadline for any articles to be sent to Biff Atwater is October 1. Judy Hamilton would like the Newsletter to be increased to four issues a year. Joe Cloonan reminded us that the revenue from dues may exceed the cost of the Newsletter.

Meetings

The next annual meeting will be held on the second Sunday in August 2007. Carolyn Gray suggested we hold the meeting at the new Fire Station. She will check for its availability.

The next Officers and Directors meeting will be held Saturday, Memorial Day, at 8:00 AM at John & Beth Convey's house or at Tom & Judy Hamilton's house.

This meeting was called to order at 8:18 AM on September 2, 2006 at John & Beth Convey's home and adjourned at 10:04 AM.

Submitted by: Beth Convey, Secretary