



6/27/2020 LAA Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting commenced at 8:30 AM

In attendance were:

Tim Kirwan, Biff Atwater, Bill Gray, Carolyn Gray, Mike McCluskey, Christine Carrigan, Mel Baron, Diane Ray

Minutes of 4/18/2020 board meeting were reviewed and approved. (Mike moved, Biff seconded)
Minutes of 5/24/20 board meeting were reviewed and approved.

Treasurer's report:

As of 6/27/2020 we had 36 paid members – Board Members should be sure to be paid up ☺

\$ 2518.98 savings

\$ 795.46 checking

\$ 130.00 brought in from the GoFundMe page and accounted for above.

\$3,360.68 spent on the watershed project – our obligation is complete

Wildlife update:

- The Audubon Loon count will take place in July. Tim will get counters lined up and collect paperwork
- Two juvenile loons have been spotted on the lake.
- One loon nest was refurbished and set out on the east side of the lake but no loons were seen nesting there. Discussion ensued about conflicting articles – loon advocacy groups say man-made nests are not desirable, other groups encourage the support of loon nesting. In the next newsletter we will thank people for their support but not encourage man made loon nests in the future.

Membership Lift/Income & Lake Days:

- Discussion was had about the following ideas:
 - Doc Dash – BYOB, people with docs could identify themselves as part of the Doc Dash, choosing to offer refreshments, conversation, other? at a safe distance for people who might want to boat by (swim by? paddle by?). Raffles could be offered at specific docs if desired. **Possible Date: Saturday August 8 in lieu of Lake Days** Decision to be finalized at next meeting (July) and notices sent out/posted around towns
 - Virtual Annual Meeting – Easy to set up and publicize; date could be any time in the fall it doesn't have to be August. Should we keep the original proposed date of August 9 or move to September? Decide at next meeting (July)
 - Annual Meeting presentations- If we go virtual we could get Tom Hamilton's presentation in advance and post it so it is accessible to everyone – website and as part of the meeting

- Online Auction capabilities: Diane to investigate and report back at next meeting; if we decide to hold a virtual auction prior to the Annual Meeting we could arrange an online document where people could preview items and add their bid to a google sheet (in lieu of having professional software); ***challenge is getting donated items for auction together – need to move quickly if this is to happen in August***
- Bylaws review of visibility requirements – have the bylaws available at next meeting for review of whether a virtual Annual Meeting is feasible
- Virtual Happy Hour – Can be set up from ZOOM anytime – just have to pick a day/time and get the word out
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Nominations Committee:

- Bill, Polly, Liz
- No update to report – will update in 2 weeks. Tim, due to work, may be able to re-up as President. We may need a new VP.

Grant Application:

- News not expected until August.

Supporting individual landowners in watershed mitigation efforts:

- Agreed that letters to individual property owners regarding the watershed survey results and direction on mitigation should go out – Diane to get the sheets ready (Judy’s data base) and get board approval on the letters – tone to be friendly/non-judgmental - Looks great... little fixes; Challenges... big fixes

LAA Participation in Canton Bicentennial:

- Carolyn Gray has agreed, with Diane Ray’s support to be LAA conduit to bicentennial efforts; Commitments center on offering pontoon boat rides on Sunday Afternoon with a coordinated, brief history/facts of the lake. More to be solidified in the next months. Printed lollipops, flyers, etc. are being researched, more cost to be presented in the near future

Canton – Budget Committee update:

- \$5,000 request will be on the town warrant in July. Diane to speak on behalf of the LAA.
- \$200 will also be on the warrant for testing support

Hartford – Budget Committee update

- \$10,000 request will be on the town warrant – Hartford town Meeting data TBD

Code Enforcement Officer Status:

- Canton is again without a CEO; The Select Board are acting in that stead while a search is ongoing
- Hartford – Interviews ongoing

Town Newsletter updates:

- Articles were submitted to both towns regarding overall lake news and defoliant regulations

LAA newsletter updates:

- Diane will get one out ASAP to announce an August activities
- August 14 2021 Lake Days
- August 15, 2021 Annual Meeting

Lake Smart – invite a neighbor:

- 3 new properties have been audited; more is needed ☺

Other New Business:

- Defoliant violations are being addressed
- Replanting requirements that are not met need to be submitted to the respective town offices

Next meeting: Thursday July 30, 8AM

Meeting dismissed.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Ray
Secretary