

Lake Anasagunticook Association
Minutes of Board Meeting
June 24, 2018
at the Biff and Mary Atwater's Camp

President Biff Atwater (WA) called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. A quorum was present. In attendance were Vice President Mike McCluskey; Secretary Liz Rothrock; Treasurer Gary Dougherty; Directors John Blancato, Polly Bussiere, Shawn Henderson, Mike Lara, Cyndi Phillips, and Diane Ray. Mary Atwater was also in attendance.

Minutes for the April 8, 2018 Board Meeting were reviewed and approved by unanimous voice vote on a motion made by Mr. Blancato and seconded by Mr. McCluskey.

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Dougherty reported that there is \$6321.61 in the LAA coffers. He also reported that 63 members have paid their dues. The treasurer's report was reviewed and approved by unanimous voice vote on a motion made by Ms. Ray and seconded by Mr. Lara.

Committee Reports

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee discussed their progress on putting together a slate of Officers and Directors for the Board.

Due to Mr. Dougherty's resignation as Treasurer, Mr. Atwater was selected to serve as the temporary Treasurer until a Treasurer is voted in at the Annual Meeting. This was approved by unanimous voice vote on a motion made by Ms. Ray and seconded by Ms. Bussiere.

Action: Mr. Atwater will work with Mr. Dougherty to acquire the necessary information, files, software, P.O. Box key, etc. (WA, GD)

Action: The Nominating Committee will finalize their slate and present it at the next Board Meeting. (LR, PB)

Shoreline Zoning Ordinance Progress

Ms. Ray gave a summary of what happened in the Town of Canton with its SLZ Ordinance. She said Canton residents voted to revoke the 1996 ordinance and then voted to let the ordinance default to the state guidelines.

It was noted that the Town of Hartford tabled the vote on their SLZ Ordinance at their Annual Meeting.

Membership (PR) Card Review

Ms. Ray continues to work on the business card. Mr. Blancato asked that the card include "aka Canton Lake," since a number of people refer to it that way...and/or can't pronounce Anasagunticook.

Action: Send a draft of the Membership (PR) Card to the Board Members, and print the card after receiving their feedback. (DR)

Table at Hartford Spring Fling Results

It was reported that \$180 was made at the Hartford Spring Fling and those who participated felt it was a worthwhile endeavor.

Summer Calendar Review

The Canton Townwide Litter Cleanup scheduled for July 15 was added to the calendar. See updated calendar attached.

Action: Get addition information from the Canton Selectmen about the Cleanup.
(LR)

Action: Ms. Atwater agreed to provide the ice cream for Snail Removal Day.
(MA)

DEP Silt Excavation Project

A report from DEP (via Tim Kirwan) regarding the silt that is building up in various parts of the lake was distributed and discussed. (See Review of Past Watershed Survey below.)

LakeSmart Plan for 2018

There was discussion on the value of LakeSmart and the desire to recruit volunteers who could do assessments. Also, the topic of getting grant money for those who would like to do the recommended improvements was discussed. Mr. Lara also mentioned using technologies to monitor factors related to the health of the lake.

Lake Day Plans including Raft Race

Lake Days will follow the same model as last year, adding a Raft Race. A draft of the Raft Race registration form was reviewed and some changes were made. The possibility of the LAA Board entering a raft was discussed.

Action: The Lake Days Committee will meet to plan the details of the event.
(MA/PB/LR/PM)

Action: Incorporate suggestions to the Raft Race registration form and proceed with advertising. (LR)

Speaker Plugs

The LAA has two speakers scheduled this summer—30 June and 11 August (following the annual meeting). The first speaker is Dr. Matt McCourt, who will talk about techniques for monitoring the health of the lake. The second speaker is from the Chewonki Foundation and will talk about reptiles and predators.

Action: Board Members are urged to attend both presentations. (All)

Update Canton Properties Involving CEO

Canton CEO John Evans responded to e-mails from the Ms. Rothrock regarding the cleared lot on Lake Shore Drive and the burned lot on Main Street. The contents of the e-mails were discussed.

Action: Determine whether or not the owners of the burned property have missed the two-year deadline for getting a permit to rebuild and report back to the Board. (DR)

Action: Discuss the replanting status of the Lake Shore Drive lot with the Canton Planning Board and report back to the LAA Board. (DR)

Photo Calendar Update

The photo calendar contest is underway via e-mail. All entries are to be sent to Elaine Ferland at lainey321@roadrunner.com. The deadline is Sunday, July 15. Ms. Ferland and Peg McCluskey will select the photos that will be used in the 2019 calendar.

Action: Send another e-mail to our members regarding the photo contest. (LR)

Dirt Road Maintenance Meeting with Gravel Doctor

Because a neighbor resolved the problems with road on Lake Shore Drive, the residents decided not to call the Gravel Doctor at this time.

Unfinished Business

Proposed Changes to By-laws

Mr. McCluskey discussed the two recommended changes to the LAA By-laws. The verbiage was previously sent to the Board Members via e-mail.

Action: Print the text of the two by-laws for a vote at the Annual Meeting (LR)

Review of Officer and Board Job Descriptions

Copies of the current Directors' job description were distributed and reviewed.

Copies of the propose revisions to the Secretary's job description were distributed and approved.

Action: Make the changes to the job descriptions in the Director's Handbook as decided, and distribute revised copies to the Board Members. (LR)

Forming Publicity and Correspondence Committees

It was recommended and agreed upon that the activities removed from the previous version of the Secretary's job description would be assigned to two new committees: Publicity and Correspondence.

Action: Add the two committees to the list of committees and fill them with chairpersons and members at the meeting following the Annual Meeting. (LR)
Question remained open regarding reporting responsibility.

Photographing Shoreline

Mr. Atwater mentioned that he met a drone photographer at the Maine Lakes Society Conference who will give us an estimate on filming the properties on our lake.

It was noted that it is good to have photos taken from a boat to complement the drone photographs, so that idea will continue to be pursued as well.

Action: Obtain an estimate for hiring the drone (WA)

Action: Coordinate with Hartford CEO Bill Kennedy and Canton CEO John Evans about photographing the lake's shoreline. (MM)

Action: Provide the CEOs' contact info to Mr. McCluskey. (LR)

Reviewing Charitable Organizations to which LAA Donates

Mr. Dougherty reported the following contributions are made on an annual basis:

Audubon - \$40

Maine Lakes Society - \$2 for each member

Canton Bicentennial - \$120

Androscoggin Watershed - \$50

Lake Stewards of Maine (formerly VLMP) - \$30

Maine Association of Non-profits - \$100

Action: The donations will be considered at the upcoming budget committee meeting. (WA)

Review of Past Watershed Survey

Mr. Blancato reported that he reviewed the past two reports from Watershed Surveys done on our lake. The most recent one is 16 years old and too dated to be worthwhile. He concurred with the recommendation in the DEP silt report (see above) that a new Watershed Survey be conducted. Everyone in attendance was in concurrence.

Action: Add the Watershed Survey as a goal for the coming year. (All)

Septic Systems

Concerns about septic systems on the lake were discussed. Mr. Atwater mentioned that you don't know that a septic is in trouble until it fails. It was decided that education is probably the best method for resolving any septic problems.

Action: Include an article on septic issues in the next newsletter. (LR)

Snow Clearing from Boat Launch

The discussion on clearing the parking lot at the Canton Boat Launch for snowmobilers and ice fishermen was tabled until closer to the season.

Action: Get further information about this and report back to the Board. (PB)

New Business

Changing Date and Time for Board Meetings

In order to accommodate Sunday evening travelers, we are going to hold the next Board Meeting at noon on Sunday, 5 August.

Action: Determine the location and lunch menu for the meeting. (MM)

Proposal for Meetings with Town CEOs

Rather than have the whole Board meet with the CEO, it was decided that the officers will join them when they go out to photograph the shore.

Action: Once it is arranged, provide the date and time for the photography outing to the officers. (MM)

Dead Trees on Canton Beach

It was mentioned that the dead trees on Canton Beach were removed by the state at no expense to the town or LAA.

Water District and Wind Farm Tours

The Board expressed interest in touring both the Water District and the Wind Farm.

Action: Arrange the Wind Farm tour and invite the Board to attend. (MM)

Action: Arrange the Water District tour and invite the Board to attend. (DR)

Forwarding E-mails from Non-profits

Requests come in periodically from non-profits asking that we forward announcements of their events to our members. The Board agreed the announcements could be forwarded as long as the addresses of the recipients are not disclosed and the non-profits making the request are local.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted,
Liz Rothrock, LAA Secretary