



June 9, 2024 LAA Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting commenced at:

In attendance: Wes & Erika Barry, Mike McCluskey, Carolyn Gray, Biff Atwater, Bill Gray, Rob Bihlmeyer, Diane Ray

Minutes of the April 1 2024 Board meeting: This was a reschedule of March 17 – Technical problems and March 24 – reschedule) – Key decision was to advance the vote digitally to support Watershed Grant Application with \$7,000 of LAA support – distinct from on-line platform pledges and community outreach.

Treasurer's Report (Attached): Current Balance: **\$10,153.74**

Membership Committee Report: Sent under separate cover & Attached here

Lake Smart Report: **2 properties were surveyed, submitted and approved. More to Come!**

OLD BUSINESS:

- Look into a ***Take your Trash with You*** signs
- Watershed Mitigation Grant – Round 2
- Committees for this year that still need finalization:
 - Nominating Committee- TBD
 - Event/Fund Raising Committee - TBD
 - Lake Days Committee –
 - 5-year Strategic Plan Committee – Mike to set up
- By-laws discussion – Mike to set up this working group
 - Raise Spending Authorization
 - Fiscal year
 - Reminder: one-time authorization to elect officers at Board Meeting vs. Annual Meeting
- Lake Days Update: Carolyn - See Planning Invite for meeting 6-15
- By-Laws working group – Mike
- Strategic Plan working group – Mike
- Website Updates- Wes & Cyndi
- Joint Activity with CHS – Sat June 15, 4-6 PM – see handout –
- Watershed Grant Update: Submitted

NEW BUSINESS

- Garage sale topic
- We're looking for raffle prizes for the Lake Days (gift cards, items, baskets, etc.). Please let Liz Rothrock know (207-754-7692-m). She will pick up the prizes or you can bring them with you to Lake Days.
- Is the board/our membership bothered by the number of Airbnbs on the lake? Can we work with the selectman to limit this? Three out of 17 homes on Lake Shore Drive are now Airbnbs. They definitely put stresses on the neighborhood.
- How would the board feel about adding watershed signs in Canton and Hartford? There is at least one already (on Main Street). We'd have to order them, get permission to put them on people's properties (I assume), and install them. I think it would enlighten people who may or may not know that they live in the watershed.
- ***Other New Business?***

Upcoming Schedule

Proposed	Date
SUMMER NEWSLETTER	JUNE 2024
Dog Days of Summer Board Meeting	Sun July 14, 2024, 1PM
LAKE DAYS	August 10, 2024
Annual Meeting	August 11, 2024, 9am

Respectively Submitted,
Diane Ray
Secretary

Treasurer's Update 6-9-2024

	Fund Balances 6/30/23	2023- 2024 Budget	YTD vs. Budget	2023- 2024 ACTUAL	6-9-2024 - In Progress	May 2024	April 2024	March 2024	Feb 2024	Jan 2024
Checking							\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Savings	\$7,310.48				\$8,057.34	\$7,608.06	\$7,607.64	\$7,032.25	\$6,434.89	\$6,189.55
Water Qual Monitoring Fund	\$1,576.40			\$2,096.40	\$2,096.40	\$2,096.40	\$2,096.40	\$2,096.40	\$2,096.40	\$2,096.40
\$ Pledged Not Received)						\$0.00	\$850.00			
Total Assets	\$8,886.88			\$10,153.74	\$10,153.74	\$9,704.46	\$9,704.04	\$9,128.65	\$8,531.29	\$8,285.95
Total Income		\$11,103.00	\$ (2,306.50)	\$8,796.50		\$0.39	\$2,160.38	\$1,340.36	\$345.34	\$0.62
Membership Fees		\$3,800.00	\$ (1,955.00)	\$1,845.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$90.00	\$90.00	\$225.00	\$0.00

6-3-2024

LAA Membership Committee update to the LAA Board of Directors:

The Committee has added two new members - Wes Barry and Erika Barry.

Due to work and personal commitments Heidi McCurdy will no longer serve on the committee.

The Committee is still actively searching for new members, at least two more (especially from the Canton side of the lake). Looking to have a total of 6 members.

If the Board knows of anyone interested in joining, please have them contact the Committee at membership @lakeanasaguticook.org (Ask if they have database experience or have an interest in databases)

The Committee has approved the following member responsibilities (the following will also be used as the email signatures on the Committee's correspondences):

Robert Bihlmeyer - Chair, Liaison to the LAA Board of Directors

Erika Barry - Secretary

Mary Beth Vander Horn - Welcome Bags/Letters

Judy Hamilton - Database Manager

Wes Barry- Tech Support

First official LAA Membership news letter was sent out via email to the LAA members on 05/27/2024. Response has been very positive, thus far. Have gotten several new members because of it, as well as some existing members reactivating their membership .

Future projects/topics to be discussed in upcoming The LAA Membership Committee meetings:

Welcome Bag/Letter project

Putting together list of local activities in Hartford/Canton area to set up a LAA info and swag table at (civic, church etc...).

LAA Membership Committee's involvement in the "Moment of Silence" that takes place at the beginning of the annual membership meeting. Also, involvement in the Necrology Report.

The Committee involvement in the Longevity Awards.

LAA Committee's News Letter email content, how often to send etc.....

Lake Anasagunticook Association
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April 26, 2024

Mr. Alex Wong
Nonpoint Source Program Coordinator
Maine Department of Environmental Protection
17 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Mr. Wong:

The Lake Anasagunticook Association (LAA) is strongly supporting the grant application for the *Lake Anasagunticook Watershed Protection Project, Phase III*. We are grateful for this opportunity to protect the lake as it is the primary purpose of our organization! LAA led the watershed survey in 2019 and actively supported the Phase II grant which concluded last year with a contribution of \$7,000 as well as individual members' property improvements.

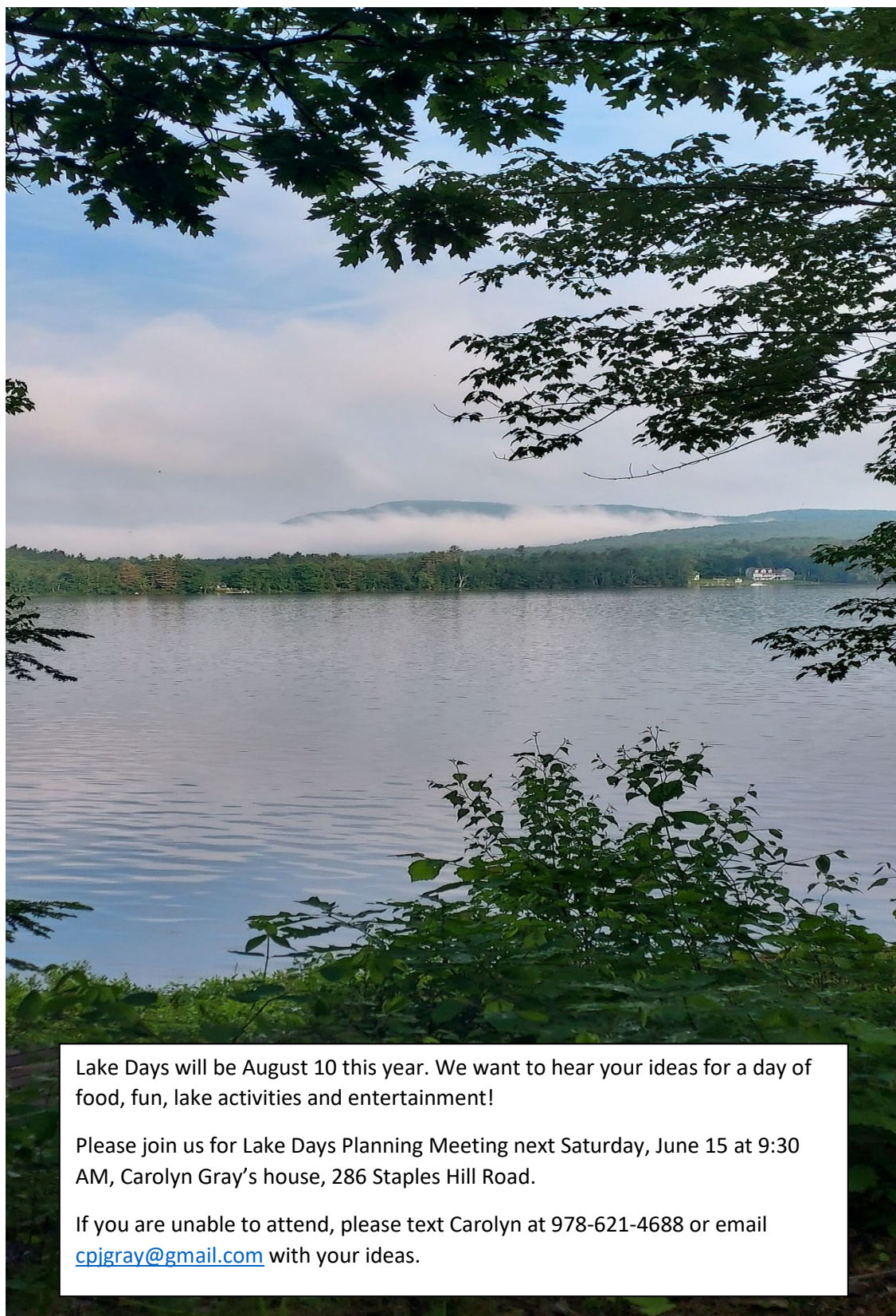
The LAA Board of Directors has committed support for this application in the form of \$5,000 cash and \$2,000 of in-kind match. Additionally, an on-line fund-raising campaign, *Give Lively*, was launched that has included donations from local businesses, individual LAA members and local citizens that has raised, so far, \$3,000. This brings our match commitment to, at least, \$8,000 cash and \$2,000 in-kind.

We urge you to award a grant to the *Lake Anasagunticook Watershed Protection Project, Phase III*. It is critical to protecting the lake and ensuring it remains healthy for generations to come.

Sincerely,

Lake Anasagunticook Association Board of Directors

Michael McCluskey -President	Bill Gray	William Atwater	Rob Bihlmeyer	Paula Marsters
Tim Bernard – Vice President	Diane Ray	Carolyn Gray	Tom Ryan	Wes Barry



Lake Days will be August 10 this year. We want to hear your ideas for a day of food, fun, lake activities and entertainment!

Please join us for Lake Days Planning Meeting next Saturday, June 15 at 9:30 AM, Carolyn Gray's house, 286 Staples Hill Road.

If you are unable to attend, please text Carolyn at 978-621-4688 or email cpjgray@gmail.com with your ideas.



**Learn about the history of
Lake Anasagunticook
....and enjoy a spaghetti dinner!**

Spend the afternoon with members and friends of the Canton Historical Society and the Lake Anasagunticook Association who will share with you historical information about the lake .

Canton Historical Society

Saturday, June 15th

Program 3 PM

Free!

Dinner 4 - 6 PM

Suggested donations
\$5 per adult, \$3 per child.

25 TURNER STREET

(Building is handicap accessible.)

*Spaghetti dinners are also
available for carryout.*



The Country Store Gift Shop will be open for business!