



Minutes of the BLPOA Fall Membership Meeting Association Park Saturday, September 9, 2023

- Most board members were available before the meeting started for questions and/or concerns. In attendance were: Craig Malinowski, Christine Gallaher, Ted Taylor, Lisa Giannelli, Mary Vinagro, Tim Booth, Kerry Vachon, Steve Consolmagno, Sheila Amero and Beth Yeaton.
- Acting Secretary Beth Yeaton and Asst Treasurer Lisa Gianelli signed members in as they arrived. Members in good standing were given a red and green card to be used for voting. 85 households signed in with 10 mail in.
- Amongst the handouts was a meeting agenda, Spring 2023 Membership Meeting Minutes marked as a draft until approved and the Budget. These handouts were published on our webpage prior to the meeting.
- Coffee, donuts and muffins were served.

Call To Order by President Craig Malinowski at 10:10 AM

Roll Call (President)

Introduction of the current BLPOA Board

Pledge of Allegiance (BLPOA Board & Community)

Opening Statements (President - Craig Malinowski)

Review or Any Questions for the minutes of the Spring Membership Meeting Dated Jun 10, 2023. None received.

Motion by Ted Taylor, seconded by Steve Consolmagno, to Accept the Spring Membership Meeting Minutes Dated. The minutes were accepted.

Reports from our BLPOA Officers & Directors

President Craig Malinowski reminded attendees that board member positions are not paid positions and people volunteer their time and good will / best interests to better our association. He urged residents to drop the negativity.

Elections were held for VP, Secretary, Asst. Treasurer, Association Park, At-large 2, Lake Safety & Roads. Those positions with multiple candidates took the opportunity to introduce themselves and identify why they wanted the position.

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VP – Mark Tucker, unopposed
Secretary – heard from Janet Consolmagno and Laura Melanson
Asst. Treasurer – Lisa Gianelli, unopposed
Association Park – Gary Provencal, unopposed
At-Large 2 – heard from Karen Consoli. Janet Consolmagno also ran for this position.
Lake Safety – Steve Bischof, unopposed
Roads – Tim Booth, unopposed

Results: all uncontested positions were filled with the candidate named. Secretary vote was for Laura Melanson and At-Large 2 was for Karen Consoli.

Joe Hoodlet asked if we could email minutes from the Board of Directors meetings. Craig addressed by identifying that a lot of personal details are discussed and should not be shared, the board will review and consider sharing agenda and/or synopsis of the meeting.

Kerry Vachon discussed the issue re: by-laws about board members from a previous request of Rick Dill to reduce the board from 15 to 9. Board discussed and did not agree to reduce the board. There was discussion to consider moving to 12 members by changing the 2 At-Large positions to committee members vs. board members and consolidating Keys with the Pavilion & Park position. There was some additional discussion from Rick to modify the original request to drop the board to 11 by eliminating the Asst. Secretary and 2 At Large, but some consensus was the At-Large would be out of the loop if they were not part of the board. Phil Mazzola indicated no board should be an even number. Ted Taylor fully supported keeping the board at 15 people. Karen Consoli motioned to keep the board at 15, Kerry seconded. Majority of 54 attendees agreed to keep the board at 15 members.

Kerry Vachon discussed the outsourcing of milfoil removal. Program has been successful. Milfoil was back again this year. We will continue with hand pulling treatment this year keeping it under control. Next year we will follow with a combination of hand pulling and proselector treatment. We will apply to town of Wakefield for another \$10,000 subsidy next year.

Kerry Vachon spoke on behalf of Steve Bischof regarding the cyanobacteria issue this summer. All the extra rain and run offs seems to cause the problem which was problematic for many NH lakes this summer and the NH Department of Environmental Services was overwhelmed. It's great to send samples to the state, but please notify the board of directors so we are in the loop.

Mary Vinagro discussed the budget indicated we collected \$178,000, many thanks to our Asst. Treasurer Lisa Giannelli. We have \$179k in the checking and \$171k in reserves. Budget: \$145k income if everyone pays. Budget discussed. Planning for dues to stay the same. We have 6 accounts in arrears with 1 lien, some making payments, and the rest in small claims court. There were no challenges raised to the budget.

Sheila Amero discussed Beaches projects. Acton Wakefield Watershed Alliance (AWWA) continues to work with us and inspected Emerald Beach. A new walkway with erosion controlled mulch and railroad ties at the waters edge were installed. They want the grass removed but we must go to the state. We will be installing a STOP sign at Vachon and

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Belleau Blvd to ensure people are aware of the intersection (including ATVs). Noted that swim lines would be removed the following week.

Craig Milanowski asked to remember no parking in Association Parking lot where it's roped off.

Jeff Foss mentioned the erosion near the Association dock. Ted suggested when the old dock is out we could put some rocks in.

Jeff Foss thinks landscaping cost seem excessive. Ted & Craig both confirm new company is not excessive charging \$4,000.

Corey Brown raised concerns about trucks and cars going too fast with many kids in the roads.

Russ Buckholz also indicating people are not using the roads properly. Suggest adopting the state regulations on ATVs for 15 mph.

Jen Hurley expressed her gratitude for a neighbor who fixed the road and was disrespected by a member of the board for publicly thanking them. She reiterated her desire to stay out of the "drama".

Ted Taylor was presented with a plaque for his 20 years of service on the board.

Guest speaker, Jeff Marshall, the new chair of the Belleau Lake Dam Board (BLDA) shared information about the current state of the dam. It was a bad year but they remained focused to improve the dam for the next 20 years. They will be working on maintenance to make this happen. State indicates costs were between \$60-160k. For now, stanchion painting and maintenance will proceed as planned this fall, and they are requesting an additional \$7,900 for initial repairs including trees that are troublesome. Motion was made by Russ Buckholdt with a second from Ted Houlihan. There was a unanimous vote to support this effort.

Reminder, the Spring Membership Meeting is Scheduled Jun 1, 2024

A Motion to Adjourn was received at 12:10 pm. Motion accepted.

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Melanson
Secretary