

BELLEAU LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.
Spring Membership Meeting
SATURDAY May 27, 2017
TIME: 10:05 AM

ROLL CALL – Wendy Davis. The meeting commenced at 10:05 A.M. Attendance exceeded 25 members securing a quorum without reading attendee names.

REVIEW OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Copies were available for the membership to review prior to the start of the meeting. A motion was made by Sue McGinnis to accept the minutes, Tom Dube seconded the motion. Joe Hoodlet recommended a change to the Fall Membership Meeting minutes. Currently, the discussion read “Joe and **Bob Williams** decided to perform their functions for the Association as volunteers, returning their combined \$600 to the Dam budget.” The paragraph has been revised to read, “Joe and **John Brown** decided to perform their functions for the Association as volunteers, returning their combined \$600 to the Dam budget.” With this change the motion was passed to accept the minutes from the fall 2016 Membership Meeting.

Jenn Dropski discussed a format change for the membership meetings. Jenn announced to the membership that the Board of Directors (BOD) will present all reports on Association current, pending and new issues pertinent to the entire membership during the meeting and will discuss any issues raised by the membership-at-large. Following the meetings, the BOD will remain in the park, or meeting place, to discuss any member specific issues.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Frank Rago – Frank discussed the annual golf tournament taking place at the Province Lake Golf course. The tournament will be held on July 8th starting at 7:45AM. He informed the members that the golf tournament is a non-profit event. All funds received will be reinvested in the fees for the tournament and an “after tournament party” at Association Park with a disc jockey. BLPOA needs sponsors to donate prizes for the golfers. Mary Vinagro volunteered to help Frank arrange for sponsors for the tournament. Frank invited all BLPOA members to attend the festivities in the evening, regardless if they participated in the golf tournament or not.

Mary Vinagro-Beach/Dock Update.

- Vachon Beach swim line permit was requested and approved. See the document at the end of these minutes.
- Beach leases. Mary applied to the State for Dock Leases. After some additional research it was determined that there is an issue of liability for any incidents that happen on the docks. The Association will do the following:
 - Hire an attorney to help with the rewrite of the lease agreements.
 - Work with an insurance company to provide coverage on the new lease agreements.
 - Take ownership of the docks, as well as the beach property.
 - Pass forward any costs associated with dock insurance to the cost of the dock lease.
 - Perform any maintenance required to ensure all docks are safe.

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- Fireworks. Our permit to have fireworks this year on the lake has been approved.

Tom Dube

- Road Update - Tom informed the membership that due to the wet weather, Dave Caram, is a little behind in the road work. However, he is working hard to get caught up. If any of the members have issues or questions, please see him at the end of the meeting. Tom asked the members to help with the brush cutting in front of their own properties. Some of the equipment for brush cutting is being repaired. Any assistance from the residents to cut brush around their own properties would be appreciated.

Victor Vinagro

- Milfoil Update – Victor thanked all the volunteers that helped decorate Millie and/or participated in the Wakefield Pride Day Parade. The town held their budget meeting and Belleau Lake was awarded \$7,500.00 for milfoil prevention for 2017. Victor does not know if we will need to have a milfoil treatment this year. As the weather warms up and the milfoil starts to grow, he will have a better idea of the extent of milfoil, if any, in the lake. At that time he will determine if the milfoil diving team will be able to eradicate the infestations, or we will have to have a milfoil chemical treatment. A permit for a milfoil chemical treatment has already been submitted and approved.
- Boat Safety – Victor reminded the members to be cautious of the divers when Millie is harvesting milfoil on the lake. All boaters should stay at least 150 feet away from Millie as there are divers in the water around the area and boaters coming too close could endanger the divers.
- Acton Wakefield Watershed Alliance (AWWA) – Mary Lenzen –Mary gave a talk to the membership on what AWWA does for the lakes in the area. One member questioned what the AWWA does for **our** lake. In a previous membership meeting the following information was passed to the membership as education on the organization:
 - AWWA was formed in 2006 to focus on the quality of lake water in Wakefield, NH and Acton, Maine. Soil erosion is the biggest threat to the lake. Runoff into Belleau Lake can add phosphorus to the lake which in turn will assist the growth of milfoil and add a layer of algae and fish kill. AWWA has a youth conservation program. Six high school students are selected to visit the lakes and help install infiltration trenches and other measures to stop or minimize soil erosion into the lakes. The AWWA continues to work with the states to secure funding to assist the local towns in their efforts to reduce or eliminate further erosion. The AWWA sponsors school programs to teach young adults about invasive plant species. The AWWA will develop an individual prevention program for lake homeowners and the Association at large to ensure we have clean lake water and are educated on how to maintain erosion control. Victor will continue with our yearly program on Quality Water Testing with UNH. We

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will continue to monitor the lake and do whatever is necessary to make the lake cleaner. AWWA works with the selectmen and has visibility in town planning commissions to keep a check on water quality for all the lakes in the area.
Motion: Mary Lenzen made a motion to give a donation of \$500.00 to the AWWA. The motion was seconded by Victor and passed.

- Victor asked the membership for volunteers as boat tenders and also to bring the bags of milfoil to the transfer station. He also needs volunteers to fill the tanks with air and other duties required to harvest and dispose of collected milfoil
- Joe Hoodlet. BLDA (Belleau Lake Dam Association) Joe commented on the extensive amount of water in the lake this year. The BLDA team has had to put in and take out boards from the dam on a regular basis. Balch and Woodman Lake have asked us to stop sending the water over to them as they are having difficulty dissipating the excessive run-off. The lake is still 1.5 inches higher than it normally should be at this point in the season.
- Joe introduced John Brown as the new President of the BLDA.
- Jenn Dropski/Dana Magnolis – **Upcoming Election and Open Positions**
 - The following positions are vacant for the 2018 season:
 - **Officers** – (4) Secretary/Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Vice President.
 - **Directors** – (5) Association Park, At Large 1, At Large 2, Lake Safety and Roads
 - Steve Consolmagno will place additional information on our web page about volunteering for these positions as we get closer to the Fall Membership Meeting when elections will be held.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Fireworks – Steve Consolmagno, BLPOA Communications Director. Steve discussed several items in his online BLPOA Digest, Volume 2 / Number 4, Wednesday, May 3, 2017 to include dates set for this year's fireworks. The date is Friday July 7th with a rain date of July 14th. Fireworks are supported strictly by donations from the membership. The cost for the quality shows that we've come to expect has increased 12% over last year after holding at the same price for the last three years. Donations are accepted on PayPal, or credit card on line or a personal check sent to the BLPOA at PO Box 188, East Wakefield, NH 03830. A member present made a suggestion to pass the hat for additional money to support the fireworks. Over \$100.00 was collected and passed to the Treasurer for deposit in the fireworks fund account. Steve has additional information on how to donate to the fireworks available on line which can be accessed by clicking [fireworksdonation](#). A member thanked Steve for his great work putting together the BLPOA webpage.

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- Plaque for Merci. The plaque dedication for Merci Kelley has been erected in the park. The membership stood up in applause in thanks for the beautiful job putting together the plaque and mounting.
- **NEW BUSINESS/ADJOURN.** No new business was discussed. Motion: A motion was made by Sue McGinnis to adjourn. Victor Vinagro seconded the motion. The motion passed at 10:33 AM.

- **SWIM LINE PERMIT**

