

## **SEYMOUR LAKE ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES 5-21-11**

The Seymour Lake Association Board met at the Morgan Town Clerk's office on 5-21-11. Members present were: Pres. Lyman McWain, VP Ron Kolar, Treas. Janet Selby, Board members Theodore Jewett, Steve Masicotte, Alan Wooley, Erik Lessing, Peggy Barter, Kal Samuels, Linda Broadwater, Richard Miller, and Membership committee member Bruce Barter.

**Secretary's Report:** The secretary's report was tabled until next meeting in the absence of Sec. Jean McKenny.

**Treasurer's Report:** The treasurer's report was given by Sec. Janet Selby. It was reported that we presently have \$12,998.19 in the checking account and 2 CD's in the amounts of \$40,319.09 and \$8,016.98. Anticipated expenses for the rest of the year range from \$8,000 to \$9,000. Lyman will review last year's budget and prepare a revised budget for 2011 for the agenda at our next SLA meeting.

**Milfoil Program:** Janet Selby reported that the milfoil grant came in at \$10,730 which is \$1,700 better than last year. Janet met with the selectmen as the Aquatic Nuisance Program is now a town project according to ANR. The selectmen indicated that they were not interested in taking over the program, nor writing the grant, and would like to see it continue as it has in past years with the Seymour Association being responsible for it. They will still have to sign off on it in order to receive grant money. Janet also reported that she would really like to have someone take over at least the grant writing portion of the program as collecting the data from board members, volunteers and other participants is difficult and comes during October which not a good time for her due to obligations of her fall and winter job. She is willing to work with someone for a year to help them with the grant writing portion. It also needs to be a person who is around a lot and is able to work with the town clerk, Tammy Morin.

Janet proposed a raise of \$.50 an hour for SLA's access greeters (Bud Bergh and Reed Hubbard) effective May 1, 2011 which would bring them to \$12.00 an hour which is in the upper guideline from ANR. Their last raise was in 2008. After discussion, it was so voted. Lyman also proposed that we look into paying half of

the unemployment insurance, social security, and workmen's comp. for the two greeters. Janet will get together those figures from town clerk, Tammy Morin.

**Zoning Report:** Steve Massicotte, who has been meeting with the Morgan Planning Commission, reported that they have accepted our proposal of an additional 10' setback from the lakefront and decreasing the back of a lot to 10'. This has not yet been given to the selectman from the commission. Alan Wooley will check into when this can be expected to happen. Steve suggested meeting with the townspeople to work on Morgan's wishes about protecting the lake's water quality. Lyman suggested that a survey of lake shore owners should be done first in order to learn what lake shore owners think about town regulations regarding water quality issues.

**Membership:** Bruce Barter and Ted Jewett reported that the membership invoice letters have gone out and that we appear to be down a little in membership compared to last year at this time. They believe it might have something to do with the timing of the newsletter and the invoice membership letter that was sent out. This will be followed up by face to face visitations this summer to increase membership. Lyman asked if Bruce could provide him with a list of names of lakefront property owners who are members and non-members who have a Morgan or Charleston address.

**Annual Outing:** Lyman McWain reported the probability of not having an outing this summer. Finding a location is the problem. Kal Samuels said he would check to see about the possibility of having it at his place on the 30<sup>th</sup> of July. Linda Broadwater will see if that date conflicts with the Wayeeses annual meeting.

**Nominating Report:** Ron Kolar reported that the 3 board members whose terms were up this year (Ted Jewett, Alan Wooley, and Steve Massicotte) were all active and contributing members. Although new blood and ideas are always needed, he recommended that these 3 stay on the board. Steve Massicotte added that when people do get on the SLA Board, attend SLA meetings and get assigned to committees, that then they really learn how the SLA works. Ron feels we should not hesitate to pick new qualified Board Members, when they are available, and they will "rise to the occasion." The board also felt that there needs to be some

new committees established such as Newsletter and Activity Committees , especially. A finance committee was also mentioned.

**Maps:** Ron Kolar reported that 50 new maps had been ordered (and received) at the cost of \$14.80 per map. We still need to get copies of the indexes to go with the maps. Steve Massicotte volunteered to get those from his office to Janet Selby. It was decided that \$15.00 be charged for each map.

**Boat Parade:** Erik Lessing and Tim Buzzell will organize the boat parade for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July this year to be held at 11:00 a.m. They will coordinate with the Kwasnik children who were responsible for starting the successful parade last year.

**Newsletter:** Janet Selby read comments that were received about the latest newsletter which were mainly positive. It was decided that we needed a committee to produce the letter 2 times a year and we hope that these can be solicited from board members and association members who are not on the board. It was voted that the latest newsletter should be sent to everyone in Morgan. Lyman will get the additional copies to be sent out.

**Water Quality:** Peggy Barter provided posters around the room about water quality and will be plotting the new deltas around the lake as part of the water quality survey. The spring storms really caused a lot of problems with runoff into the lake. Peggy Barter has been working with Ben Copans and Dayna Cole on further Better Back Roads Grants for both town and multi-owner private roads. Dayna reported to Peggy that Road Commissioner Shawn Austin and the Morgan Town Selectmen are ready to seek Better Back Roads help for town roads, however they do not wish to write the grants. Peggy has offered to write, with Dayna's help, a Better Back Roads Grant for the town. She will also ask Ben Copans if there are plans to deal with any of the state roads that affect our lake. Peggy is working with Ben and Dayna regarding more Better Back Roads work on Wayeeses Shore Road. The Wayeeses Road Association is discussing this matter at present as they have a big financial decision to make. Some of the members have met with Ben.

Peggy has begun contacting groups around the lake to learn whether they would be interested in hosting a presentation regarding Shoreland Restoration. Lyman asked if she had contacted the Seymour East group and she had, but no definite date had been scheduled as of 5/21. The WQ committee has not met yet this spring.

**Dam Report :** Ron Kolar reported on the water level which is high due to the “storm of the century”. He has figures on the levels and diagrams but will check with Great Bay Hydro for their figures before having Alan Wooley publish them on our website. Linda Broadwater asked about the board that was added to the dam. She stated her concern is that she, and others, want the board removed and that the state data show that our lake level averages are higher with the new dam and board, according to Ron's communication with the state. Lyman and Ron will be meeting with Bill Rodgers to work this out with the State.

**Annual Meeting:** The Annual Meeting will be held on July 23 and Lyman will be inviting Susan Warren and Millie Archer to speak at the SLA Annual Meeting about actions a town can take to protect water quality.

**Other:** An increase in dues was briefly discussed but it was decided that as almost 60% of the members joining SLA were also sending contributions, it was not necessary. It's not about the money, but about involvement.

Lyman reported that he had been contacted by a Mrs. White who has antique postcards of Seymour and would like to sell them for \$1,000. It was felt that the appropriate place for these would be the Morgan Historical Society. Lyman will negotiate with her and get back to the board with a price to see if we can work something out with her, private donations and the Historical Society.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Selby (Treas./Sec. pro tem)