

Seymour Lake Association Board Meeting 6/27/15
Town Clerks Office Morgan, VT

Present: Chuck Nichols, Jean McKenny, Erik Lessing, Frank Antonelli, Tim Buzzell, Peggy Barter, Dave Anderson, Bruce Barter and Ted Jewett

Unable to be present: Lyman McWain, Linda Buzzell, Sue Davis and Charles Woods

The meeting was called to order by Chuck at 9:00 am.

The **Secretary's Report** of 5/23/15 was approved.

Jean passed out the **Treasurer's Report**. She asked if the association wanted to again contribute to NorthWoods. On a motion made by Peggy and seconded by Ted the board approved a \$100 donation to the program. On a motion made by Dave and seconded by Frank the treasurer's report was accepted.

Under **Old Business:**

Tim and Jean reported what has transpired to date regarding the **Samuels Memorial**. A four foot Vermont granite bench has been selected. The inscription on the bench is being approved by the family. The location for the bench is being worked out as the proposed site is near the border between town and church land.

Chuck reported that the **new maps** have arrived. They will be for sale at the Town Clerks Office and the Morgan Store and the Annual Meeting. It was decided that \$25 would be an appropriate price to charge for each map.

The **new Website** was discussed. The handouts (matching locations with the name of the property owner) that in the past have been distributed with maps are now on the website. Lake level readings and the dates of director's meetings are now also being posted.

The **Nominating Committee** report was given by Dave. There are three open slots for directors. Frank and Erik have agreed to serve again and will be nominated at the Annual Meeting. Susan has decided that she is not able to run again because of family commitments so the committee is working on filling that position. Ted announced that he would like to remain as a director but is resigning his position as Membership Chairperson as of the Annual Meeting. Tim reported that Linda is probably willing to remain as Secretary but felt that she was filling a temporary need and would like to be replaced. The committee will continue to work on a slate of Officers and Directors to be nominated at the Annual Meeting. Nominations from the floor are also welcome at the meeting.

The **By-Laws Committee** distributed a proposed revision document. This generated some discussion and disagreement regarding membership and voting rules. There is some feeling on the board that the document needs to be very closely worded to meet the needs of a 501-C3 organization and the possibility of problems developing if it is not "bullet proof." Other board members feel that the membership wording and voting rules should be "very inclusive" as has been the practice in the past. The By-Law Committee agreed to go back to the drawing board with the document.

The **Annual Meeting** was discussed. It was decided not to have a speaker to make the meeting shorter as some road associations also have meetings on that same day. The board will meet at 8:00 am to set

up for the meeting and have a short board meeting. Board members are also encouraged to bring something such as muffins, coffee cake, donuts or a similar food to share with the membership. Jean will take care of coffee, juices, supplies, etc. The Annual Meeting will be at the Community House starting at 9:00 am on July 25, 2015.

Frank gave a report on the **Outing**. Ron and Janet Kolar have agreed to allow the use of the Camp Winape Dining Hall. Post cards will be sent out to the SLA membership regarding the Outing. It will be on Saturday, August 1, 2015 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Attendees are asked to RSVP, bring an appetizer to share, a beverage of choice and carpool if possible. This is an adults only function.

Ted and Bruce gave the **Membership Report** and distributed two lists of previous members who have not joined this year. One list was 2014 members who have not renewed yet in 2015. The other was a listing of property members by location and included a percentage of membership for each general area of the lake. The membership committee divides the lake into these regions to make soliciting the neighbors of the committee members easier.

The board decided that no changes in **Membership Dues** was needed at this time.

The **Water Quality** report was given by Peggy. She reported that Beth Torpey was unable to attend the meeting. The board agreed to meet informally with Beth at a future date so that she could inform the board directly about the research that she has done regarding a boat wash station for the access area. A great deal of information was presented about this possible project and much discussion ensued. **A motion was made by Tim and seconded by Bruce to encourage Beth to continue to investigate this project, build a budget for it and look into possible funding sources.** The motion carried.

Tim announced that the **Boat Parade** will take place on Saturday, July 4th at 2:00 pm. As the usual leader (Colin) is not available this year, Cindy Kern and Bonnie McWain agreed to take over the organization. The theme will be "Swan Lake" and people are encouraged to decorate their boats accordingly. The rain date will be Sunday, July 5th at 11:30 am.

Erik made a plea for ideas for the **Newsletter**.

The meeting adjourned at 11:05 am.

Respectfully submitted by,

Jean McKenny (filling in for Linda Buzzell, SLA Secretary)