

**Seymour Lake Association
Annual Meeting
July 23, 2016**

1. Called to order by Chuck Nichols, President, at 9:05 a.m. with about 100 people attending this year. He mentioned that we have new maps of the lake and asked people checking in to mark where their camp is with tiny flags provided. We will also be doing this at the Annual Social. The dam situation is the same. Once we have more information, we can proceed again with the State in another year or so. On the solar and wind issue, he asked who had attended last week's Town meeting and a huge percentage of members had attended. The Annual Outing will be at Camp Winape again, July 30th, hosted by Janet and Ron Kolar. Bring a photo of your camp to wear as a badge so people can recognize where you live on the lake.

Chuck wished to thank Lyman McWain who is leaving the board, having served many years as President as well as Vice President the last year. He is responsible for taking on the task of getting us on good financial footing so that we can deal with problems that arise, such as keeping milfoil out of the lake.

He thanked Dave Anderson who is also leaving the board. He was always helpful and ready with expertise.

He thanked Bob Kern who took on Membership Chair last year and did a great job making many changes. Ted Jewett has agreed to Chair this committee.

He also thanked all the volunteers for their work around the lake.

Speaker: Tim Buzzell introduced Sarah Damsell, Executive Director, Orleans Co. Natural Resources Conservation District who gave a brief overview of the organization. A quasi government organization, there are 14 districts in Vermont with a goal of addressing the natural resources of the county, soil & water quality etc. working with the towns on a grassroots basis. The Orleans County District recently won a grant to work towards educating farmers in the Memphremagog and Mississquoi watershed. A UVM course will be attended by 16 local farmers to teach them to make their own nutrient management plan over the next two years. The District would continue to work with them after. There is 5 years of funding to do this. They will have an Americorp intern who will also work with the intern at Northwoods.

2. Secretary's Report: A motion to accept last year's Annual Meeting notes was made by Woody Woods, seconded and approved.

3. Treasurer's Report: Jean McKenny, Treasurer, presented the report attached to these notes. People have been generous in donations of about \$8,000 over and above membership dues. We have not been audited yet this year but will this fall. A motion to accept the report was made by Woody Woods, seconded by Lyman McWain, accepted.

4. Elections: The nomination committee made up of Dave Anderson, Tim Buzzell and Ted Jewett met to discuss the open positions. Ted Jewett left the board to become Vice President. Bonnie McWain was asked to take Dave Anderson's place. Tim Buzzell and Peggy Barter agreed to stay on the board. A motion was made to accept Bonnie, Tim and Peggy for a three year term, seconded and approved. Rhonda Shippee agreed to fill Ted Jewett's remaining one year term. A motion was made by Eric Lessing to approve, seconded by Bruce Barter, approved. A motion was made to accept the slate of officers (Chuck Nichols, President; Ted Jewett, V. President; Jean McKenny, Treasurer and Linda Buzzell, Secretary), seconded and approved.

5. Committee Reports

Boating: Tim Buzzell said the 7th annual boat parade, July 3rd, had about 22 boats participating, highly successful. An effort was made to stay out farther and go slower to mitigate waves. There have been many complaints about the boat ramp and access because it is so shallow. We have asked the State to dredge with little success. Bruce Barter suggested that individuals complain to the State directly and will have an address available to members. Homer Selby suggested that if we get a commitment from the state to dredge, that we insist on a commitment for future maintenance as well.

Activities: Frank Antonelli said the Annual Outing will be July 30th at Camp Winape, with many thanks to Janet and Ron Kolar. Bring what you would like to drink and an appetizer to share. Get friends and guests to join us.

Loon Report: Charles "Woody" Woods said that there is one chick this year, born June 28, named "Jake" (or "Jacqueline"). We have 11 adults plus the chick this year, about the capacity for Seymour. There have been some other pairs sited which may bode well for other chicks in the future.

Fish Report: Ron Frascoia said 25 years ago regulations were established to improve fisheries at Seymour - went from 18" to 20" for size; one fish, one rod rather than 2; and in winter, 4 lines rather than 8. It really hasn't helped our fishery. He and Woody are setting up a meeting with the State. No one attending the meeting had caught a single regulation 20" keeper. 81% of fish caught in 2015 were short.

Maps: We have two sizes this year for the updated map, \$25/ea. Owners will be listed numerically and alphabetically on the website.

Membership: Bruce Barter keeps the records and 65% of lake front owners are represented to date this year, exactly the same as 2015. We have 72 non-lake front property owners, highest ever. Renewals were moved to December this year, and there will be discussions about whether to do this again.

Milfoil/greeter program: Beth Torpey - we are the last large lake in VT to have NO invasive species but it is getting harder and harder to keep them out. We have had 12-15 intercepts so far this summer. The new boat contamination station will be set up next week. The owners of any boat coming from waters west of here will be asked to have their motor & live wells flushed with hot water. "VIP" volunteers are using kayaks to research plants etc. Beth will go to your home if you have guests using your private access. Please call her. The greeters are available Memorial Day until the end of October, 6 am to 6 pm, 7 days a week.

Newsletter: Committee consists of Erik Lessing, Bruce Barter (mailings) and Maggie Griffith, grammarian. We do about 900 mailings - the entire Town, lake front owners and others interested in our lake. Erik is soliciting articles of interest and events. Go to the website for even more interesting articles.

Steve Matson: Peggy introduced Steve, who is the Town of Morgan Zoning Administrator. Future newsletters will have his contact information, as well as the Town. Contact him if you have any questions regarding zoning regulations and By Laws.

Water Quality: Peggy Barter had two handouts, "Seymour Lake - Score Card" which answers questions about how Vermont lakes are doing; and "Seymour Lake - Lake Wise Summary". Copies are attached to this report. We will have an Americorp intern available through Northwoods Sept. 1, 2016 - July 31, 2017. If anyone has a room available to house this person, please let them know.

Chuck thanked volunteers who shared their expertise with the Town in the solar filing with the PSB.

Linda Buzzell mentioned that Linda Dennis on Camp Winape Rd. has made quilts for years to raffle for the benefit of the Charleston Fire Dept. She has two this year and she as well as the Fire Dept. have ticket through Oct. 1. Please help support this cause.

Chuck told us that we now have the memorial to Cal Samuels, a bench sitting by the town office. He asked that people think about joining and volunteering for the board!

A motion was made to adjourn at 11:05 a.m. by Woody Woods, seconded and approved.