

Pleasant Lake Preservation Association Annual Meeting

July 29, 2017

Deerfield Town Hall, Deerfield, NH

At 9:00 A.M., President John Duffy, called the 2017 Annual Meeting to order.

Review and Approval of 2016 Annual Meeting Minutes

- Bill Bradstreet made a motion to accept the Minutes, seconded by Andy Partridge. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report – Andy Hotaling

Income Items:

- PLPA membership has increased from 103 in 2009 to 143 in 2016. We are on pace to meet that number in 2017
- 2016 income is down from previous years when there was an ongoing sweatshirt fund raiser and an \$1100 pollution fine that was directed to us by the State.
- 2017 income will include \$2500 from each of the towns of Deerfield and Northwood to help fund the lake host program for greater coverage at the ramp. These funds will be expended to provide more Lake Host coverage.
- 2017 will also include \$90,000 from the Watershed Assistance Grant which will be fully expended on the Gulf Road Improvement project.

Expense items:

- Insurance costs in both 2016 and 2017 are higher than normal because of a requirement to carry general liability insurance in connection with the grant for the reconstruction and improved drainage on Gulf Road
 - 2017 lake hosting costs will increase by \$5,000, as we spend the dollars received from the towns
 - 2017 will include the \$90,000 outlay of funds for the Gulf Road project
 - Our grant to help with VLAP water testing was fully expended in 2016-future water testing costs will be paid out of the general fund
 - The required matching funds of \$5,000 towards the Watershed Restoration Project were spent in 2015 and 2016

Reminders Affinity Programs:

Amazon Smile Program: If you shop at Amazon sign up through smile.amazon.com to direct .5% of your qualifying purchases to the Pleasant Lake Preservation Association Inc. (You need to specify the entire name to select PLPA)

TD Bank: PLPA receives contributions from TD Bank for newly associated checking accounts and ongoing savings or CD balances. Simply notify a bank representative that you would like to be associated with PLPA.

Election of Officers – PLPA District and Board Nominations – (elected positions)

- Chairman – Tom Brennan
- President – John Duffy
- 1VP – Preston Thorsen
- 2nd VP – Doug Chamberlin
- Recording Secretary – Charon Pinard
- Corresponding Secretary – Carol Smiglin
- Treasurer – Andy Hotaling

- Dam District (1) – Mike Beaudoin
- Veasey District (2) – Tere Bowen-Irish
- West District (3) – Toni Duffy
- South Cove District (4) – Krist Nelson
- Loon Cove District (5) – Jen Freitas
- Pout Point District (6) – Sue Higgins
- Broad Cove District (7) – Roger Shaw
- Ledges District (8) – Janice Poltak
- North District (9) – Knox Turner

A motion was made to accept the slate of officers as presented, by Doug Sargent, seconded by Gary Sobleson. Motion passed.

PLPA Programs and Projects

Lake Host Program – Holly Martin – This year we have 6 paid hosts and 23 volunteers. Ideally, we would love to be able to expand our coverage by covering the boat ramp full time. Monday through Sunday from 6 am to 6pm. Shifts, generally are 2 hours weekly. If you can only cover an hour, weekly or monthly, we will take it.

Invasive Species – The number of invasive species threatening NH Lakes has increased. We are no longer just concerned with invasive weeds. We are now educating boaters on the other species threatening our water bodies, including the following species.

- The Asian Clam, which is already in southern NH and the Merrimack River
- The Zebra Mussel, which is currently in all of the states surrounding NH with the exception of Maine
- The Chinese Mystery Snail, which can be found in many of NH Lakes, including Pleasant Lake. Thanks to the residents of Pleasant Lake collecting them and tossing them into the woods, we have been able to lessen the population. Snapping turtles also enjoy eating them.
- The Spiny Water Flea, which has been found in NY and VT

- The Water Chestnut is in the Nashua River. The seeds are viable for about 7 years

Volunteer Lake Assessment Program – VLAP – Chuck Reese, Jim Creighton, and Tom Brennan

This program captures the lake’s chemistry, and is collected 4 to 6 times per year.

Dissolved Oxygen Monitors – Beaudoins, Brennans, Joe Farrelly, Hotalings, & Smiglins

This program captures the Dissolved Oxygen Data monthly, so long as it is safe to do, and sends the samples to DES. DES issues a report card yearly. Please go to our web site for all of the updates and information.

Both programs are looking for volunteers to help. The work takes about 2 hours to complete.

Weed Watchers – Liz Garlo

Always looking for more volunteers. Liz passed around live specimens of the invasive plants and species.

Gulf Road – Informational Kiosk – Tyler Reese, Scout Troop 138, Eagle Scout Project

The kiosk will display information on invasive species and how to prevent their transmission into Pleasant Lake, information on the Lake Host Program, and any other general PLPA information.

Tyler took the time to thank those that helped him complete his Eagle Scout project.

- Gary Anderson for all of his time and expertise in post and beam construction
- Krist Nelson for the use of his lift to place the roof frame quickly into place.
- Richard Pitman and Center Hill Barns for helping procure all of the necessary roofing materials
- Mike Stacey and Granite State Glass, in Concord, for generously donating the two Lexan panels
- Barbara Cool for drawing up the architectural plans for the kiosk
- Craig Nichols for hand-milling the wooden beams that were used in the roof frame
- Ann Scholz and John Duffy for their continues support and guidance

Mooring Field- Knox Turner and Tere Bowen-Irish

- The decision by the Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety, to eliminate the mooring field on Pleasant Lake will not be in effect until October 2017
- This summer the mooring field at the boat launch will remain in existence. We all need to be aware of the safety factors that initiated our original petition and report any incidences to The Department of Public Safety, Deerfield Police or other authorities
- A permit for a mooring in front of a resident’s home is based on an application and the state’s determination as to the need for a mooring. Once the applications are accepted a decal will be issued that must be displayed on the mooring
- The initial cost is \$125.00 for the first year and \$25.00 thereafter (costs are different for a group mooring permit).
- Applications for permits will not be accepted until after the first of October of this year. Residents are advised to go to www.nh.gov/safety/division/nhsp/fob/marine-patrol/moorings/faq.html, which will help define more detailed information as it may apply to

their own property. The average time to acquire a permit is 2-3 weeks. Group applications usually 2-3 months.

- The State is willing to work with residents who may have group property ownership and share frontage
- Existing moorings are not grandfathered and mooring permits are not transferrable
- Moorings are not granted for deeded beach rights or rights of way
- There were positive and negative comments presented in regards to this change.
- The Marine Patrol Unit can offer applications for permits or residents can call 603-267-6453, or apply online.
- If you have further questions or concerns, please contact your District Director or Tere Bowen-Irish, 603-512-3399, or Know Turner, 603-608-6761

Gulf Road Project – Ann Scholz and Tim Mallette

Implementation Phase 1: Gulf Road Best Management Practices – The edges of Gulf Road are sroding from the high velocity flow of storm water. NH Fish and Game Boat Access parking is a primary contributor of sediment, nitrogen and phosphorous.

- Awarded a \$90,000 Watershed Assistance Grant in October 2016
- Required a 40% match of cash or in-kind services
- What's to be done?
 - Topographic Survey
 - Design Layout
 - Drainage Study
 - Numerous board meetings
 - Environmental Permitting
 - Tree Clearing
- What's coming up?
 - Pavement milling
 - Formation of new vertical profile
 - Installation of drainage structures
 - Pavement placement
 - Landscaping
- What's needed
 - Patience
 - Respect for the construction

Shoreline Improvement Project- John Duffy

- Goal is to establish a baseline on best garden practices and associated costs for creating buffer zones and rain gardens, covering bare soil and preventing shoreline erosion
- Announcement in June Ponderings and follow up email blast
- Selected 6 volunteers to work on a "Pilot" Project with a goal of creating a model for ongoing improvements of the shorefront by property owners.
- The PLPA has engaged an environmental engineer who will perform site inspections by July 22nd

- Prepare recommendations for each property
- Identify sources of materials at or near cost (early August)
- Once the work is completed, each property owner will be responsible for purchasing the required materials and providing labor and equipment to complete the project.
- Volunteers who are selected for this project have agreed to complete some or all of the recommended work by the summer of 2018 and allow us to share the improvements they've made with other lake residents.

A motion was made to close the 2017 Annual Meeting, at 10:15 a.m., by Sue Higgins, seconded by Doug Sargent. Motion passed

An informational session for property owners began after a short break.

- **Septic System Improvements – Larry Manzek of Manzek Septic Services**
- **Soak up the Rain New Hampshire – 10 Do-It-yourself Practices – Barbara McMillan and Lisa Loosigian from the NH Department of Environmental Service**

Respectfully Submitted,

Charon Pinard

Recording Secretary