

WEBSTER LAKE ASSOCIATION 2018 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

Saturday, August 4, 2018
Franklin Public Library

Call to Order:

By Mark Lorenze, President, at 9:30 a.m. Thirty-seven people were present. The following handouts were made available: 2018 Annual Meeting Agenda, 2017 Annual Meeting Minutes, 2018 Treasurer's Report, and water test reports.

Board Members Present: Brian Campbell, Marcia Feener, Mark Lorenze, John Miller, Bonnie Moore, Jeff Perkins (outgoing), Laurie Salame, Ted Starkweather. **New Board Members:** Val Perkins (new President), Joan Ingersoll (new Secretary).

Board Members Absent: Deb Steadman.

Parliamentarian:

Peter Brothers was recognized as Parliamentarian for the meeting.

Minutes of 2017 Annual Meeting:

Ted Starkweather motioned to accept the Minutes of the 2017 Annual meeting; this was seconded by Peter Brothers, and approved by members.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer John Miller reviewed the Webster Lake Association Treasurer's Report for the Fiscal Year beginning August 1, 2017, and ending July 31, 2018. As of July 31, 2018, the Association has \$39,795.18 in checking and savings accounts. Neil Twomey motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report; this was seconded by Al Rainford and approved by members.

Mission:

President Mark Lorenze reviewed and explained the mission of the Webster Lake Association: To preserve and protect the ecologic and environmental quality of Webster Lake through the education of stakeholders and with support of projects that enhance recreational opportunities and water quality.

City of Franklin Update: Mayor Tony Giunta

Franklin Mayor Tony Giunta gave an update of what's happening in Franklin. He spoke about the renovation of the former Riverbend Mill complex (now named Franklin Power and Light Complex), the \$12 million funded affordable housing unit (workforce housing, not subsidized or Welfare). CATCH Housing brings in federal and state aid. He also mentioned the Mill City Park plans to move forward with a premiere whitewater kayaking destination; the purchase and revitalization of the J.P. Stevens Mill; and the appeal to the NH Supreme Court and possible future of the Northern Pass project. Questions were raised about several other Franklin issues:

Plans for the former Ciao Pasta Restaurant and Elks Club property (Cumberland Farms is purchasing it with plans to build a multi-million dollar facility); the former Packer's Outlet which is an eyesore (it was purchased by Al's Pizza and they will be encouraged to moved forward with change); the news that Franklin is no longer recycling (costs to recycle increased from \$38 per ton to \$129 per ton last January, thus no longer affordable, but hopeful that the markets for recyclable products will come back). Other questions related to Toad Hall, property reassessment, and the school and town budgets.

Old Business:

1. Independence Day Events: The Breakfast on the Beach (187 served) and Boat Parade on July 7th were once again popular and successful. President Lorenze asked people to be thinking about possible themes for next year's boat parade.
2. Trash and debris from winter ice events on the lake: Although this item was not on the agenda, it came up and was discussed. It was suggested that those involved in winter ice activities be reminded to carry out whatever they carry in. This will be looked into.
3. Yard Sale: President Lorenze extended appreciation to Rowells and all the volunteers who helped to make the event another annual success.
4. Water Testing: Mark Lorenze referred to the water testing handouts, and explained that he and Brian Campbell do lake testing every month. Sucker Brook is testing relatively clean.
5. Lake Host Program and Chance Pond Milfoil Treatment: Laurie Salame gave an update on the Lake Host Program, noting that several suspicious findings were sent in to DES. Mark Lorenze said he has been told that Milfoil Treatment on Chance Pond has been 100% effective.
6. Little Free Libraries: Mark Lorenze reminded people of the two current locations on Webster Avenue and at the Steadman Pavilion. Marvera Murphy offered to look into the possibility of a third Little Free Library on North Shore Drive.
7. Website and Newsletter: The WLA continues to publish and mail a spring and fall newsletter. Comments, suggestions, and submissions were encouraged. Mark Lorenze noted that we are currently actively seeking someone to take over the website administration.
8. Dues: President Lorenze noted that Association dues have to be voted on at each Annual Meeting. A motion was made by Neil Twomey to keep dues at \$20 a year; the motion was seconded by Marvera Murphy and approved by members.
9. Fireworks: Mark Lorenze drew attention to the new Franklin ordinance in place, which includes a 9:30 p.m. curfew.
10. Wildlife – Loons, beavers, and other concerns: There have been bear and coyote sightings this year, and a noticeable increase in sightings of schools of small fish, possibly smelt.

New Business:

1. Food Drive/ Ice Cream Social: This event will be Saturday, September 1st, from 2-4 p.m. Mark Lorenze noted that extra effort will be put into getting collections for the food drive this year. Marcia Feener explained that the food collected goes to the Food Pantry and monetary donations go to Bread and Roses.
2. WLA 2019 Calendar: The deadline for photo submission for the 2019 WLA Calendar is September 1, 2018. Photos this year will be selected by quality and lottery; although people can submit up to five photos each, only one per person can be selected. Photos must be more than 850KB in size in order to be selected.
3. Board of Directors: Mark Lorenze presented the new WLA Board of Directors, which was approved by the membership (motion to accept and approve by Marvera Murphy, seconded by Neil Twomey). Jeff Perkins will be stepping off the Board as Val Perkins becomes president, since only one member per residence can be on the BOD.
Valerie Perkins, President (new)
Laurie Salame, Vice President
John Miller, Treasurer
Joan Ingersoll, Secretary (new)
Brian Campbell
Marcia Feener
Bonnie Moore
Ted Starkweather
Deb Steadman
4. Farewell to Mark Lorenze: After retiring President Mark Lorenze expressed his appreciation for being able to serve as WLA president for the last nine years, Vice President Laurie Salame and Treasurer John Miller made note of Mark's tireless commitment to the Association and the many achievements accomplished during his tenure as President. The Board gifted Mark with an engraved granite bench in appreciation. Peter Brothers also thanked Mark on behalf of the membership and presented him with glass gavel plaque.

For the Good of the Order:

1. Marvera Murphy thanked the WLA Board of Directors for their committed service.

The Meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Wolcott, Recorder
8/8/18 (Revised 8/9/18)*