

DRAFT MINUTES
QUEEN Lake Association
Annual Meeting
July 9, 2016

The Queen Lake Association Annual Meeting was called to order at 9:04 a.m. by Matt Pearson. There were 49 members present. A sign-in sheet is on file with the minutes.

Due to a prior commitment Town Official Reports were moved up on the agenda.

Matt Person spoke on behalf of the Board of Health. The new dump sticker program was discussed. Stickers were available at the meeting and can also be obtained at the office on Wednesdays. Stickers need to be on cars and bags still need to be purchased. \$25 for the 1st sticker and \$5 for an additional vehicle.

A letter was sent to the association in regards to the hours at the transfer station; Luanne was instructed to forward it to the Board of Health for them to review and respond to.

Septic systems are doing great on the lake. Moving forward tight tanks are needed for seasonal homes and a full septic for year around homes. A reminder was given not to draw and drink the lake water. Remember algae blooms, beavers, geese, etc all contribute to the lake. Campers were reminded not to use lawn fertilizers.

There has been detection in central MA on the West Nile Virus so we were instructed about ways to try and keep the mosquito population down. Remember...bathing in not recommended in the lake, remind your neighbors if you see them doing this. The Beaches continue to be tested every Monday morning, so far the quality of the lake is great! The members would like to credit the Board of Health for being so proactive in the care of the lake. Thank you!

A thank you goes out to George Ladd for the Queen Lake Directory.

Introduction of campers took place.

A moment of silence was held for our departed members. George West, Evelyn Minkkinen and Mary Kujala. Also brought to my attention after the meeting was Roland Slate of Fitch Road and Richard Carey of King Road.

Glenn Whitney Animal Control Officer spoke. If you have an issue, please call dispatch at 978-939-8875. A reminder that no dogs should be on the beach, if you do see one you can ask kindly but it is suggested to call dispatch. There is no fine structures to date and Mr. Whitney suggested the board bring a new by-law to town meetings implementing a fine structure, without this not much can be done. Right now the town has no cat program. You may call Athol Animal Control, 978-249-3522-dispatch for them to take care of the issue. A big thank you to Mr. Whitney for stopping by.

Police Chief Kevin Dodge and Fire Chief Richard Stevens were unable to attend the meeting due to prior commitments, however, emails were sent and we are instructed to feel free to call them any time with any issues we may have and to have a safe summer!

The association was informed of a break-in on Barre Road. Be alert and watch out for yourself and your neighbor.

Secretary report was read by Luanne Royer. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of the 2015 Annual Meeting as read. A unanimous vote was made by the association.

Treasurer report was read by Terry Dymek. Deposits and expenses were reported for the year with the ending balance as of June 30, 2016 is \$21,777.74. A motion was made and seconded to accept the report as read with a unanimous decision by the association.

A slate of officers was presented along with Board of Directors seeking election and re-election. This was voted as submitted by Sally Suomala. Thank you Sally for your hard work.

Officers for President John Colby, Vice President Timothy Haley, Secretary Luanne Royer and Treasurer Terry Dymek. Board of Directors to expire 2019 George Dakin, Tom Royer and Keith Williams.

A motion was made and seconded to give the church a \$200 donation for the use of their hall. The association voted unanimously for this. A check will be sent to Gerry Gariepy for this.

Old Business: Terry Dymek updated the association on the dam status. According to state reports the dam has a fair rating leaning to poor. The Board of Selectmen appointed a Queen Lake Dam Repair Committee. Much progress has been made moving towards the dam getting fixed. 2016 Annual Town Meeting voted to fund \$130,000 to spend on design for the dam. It was agreed that it is the town's responsibility for the repairs to the dam. Once plans are approved it will go out to bid and then the town will be approached at the next annual town meeting to fund the construction of the dam. Selectmen John Telepziack is working with Rodney Hunt on a free gate for the dam and hopes of it to be incorporated into the design. Thank you to Terry Dymek for a job well done in continuing to keep this project moving forward.

Harbormaster- in order to move forward with this, it was suggested to bring an article to town meeting with a by-law addressing this. Terry will work with us to get this done.

Other lake issues discussed were jet ski's going too fast, boats going too fast-the lake has a 45 mph limit. It was suggested to call Environmental Police. Discussion took place about us "policing" the lake ourselves and it was suggested to approach them kindly. John Colby has offered to approach the people if we don't feel comfortable doing it ourselves.

Long hanging electrical lines were brought up. Members were informed that National Grid is out in the area cutting some trees. If you have an issue, please give them a call.

Weed Control-John Colby spoke on this issue. He updated the board on a seminar he attended. With the new dam this may eliminate a lot of chemical treatment but some would still have to be done. Unfortunately, weed control will not be done again this year on the lake. It was noted that weed growth has been spotted on the lake. The lake was checked out in May with blooms being spotted but not enough to treat. It was stated that we have "fallen through the crack" with Lycott being sold again. The lake is due to be inspected again, any day now.

Washing station was discussed again. A motion was made and seconded to come up with a plan...how much, where, what would be required, in moving forward to getting a wash station. In the motion it was directed to have the Board of Directors work on wording to present to town meeting on the implementing of boat washing for the lake. This was a unanimous decision by the association.

A motion was made and seconded to reimburse Luanne for postage in the amount of \$82.80. This was a unanimous decision by the association.

John spoke of tax bill issues on the lake. It was advised to property owners to contact the Assessors to get copies of their field cards and verify that all information is correct. Property owners were also informed assessed values continue to go up as the values on the lake continue to increase as properties sell.

Boat docking issues towards the north end of the lake were discussed but it was agreed that this is something the land owners have to work thru.

A member questioned if the association has a list of priorities...it was stated that we are working on things and hope to move forward with the dam, weed control, boat washing and a harbourmaster.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 a.m. A unanimous decision by the association to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,
Luanne Royer
Secretary