

QUEEN LAKE ASSOCIATION  
ANNUAL MEETING  
Minutes  
Saturday, July 11, 2015

The Queen Lake Association Annual Meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by President, John Colby. There were 47 members present.

Sally Suomala spoke of this year's election. There are 3 openings on the seat for the Board of Director's. Scott Conti and Gerry Gariepy are running for re-election, Don Wilson is stepping down and Karl Hakkarainen, VJ Shaw and Craig Twohey are new candidates running for a position on the Board. Election is taking place throughout the meeting and the results to be announced at the end of the meeting. A "Big Thank-you" goes out to Don Wilson for his many years of service to the Board and all he has done in regards to Queen Lake. Luanne will follow-up with this.

Also, the Queen Lake Regatta is no longer an event but the Meet 'n Greet for all lake residents will be held again this year at the Newcomb Camp at 2 Pine Point. This event will take place on Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup> 2 – 4 p.m. Please bring your own beverage as well as an appetizer. All are welcome, hope to see you there!

Introduction of camper's took place. Welcome back to all our lake residents and welcome to our new property owners!

#### **Town Officials**

*Police Chief* Kevin Dodge was unable to attend due to a prior commitment.

*Fire Chief* Richard Stevens updated us on what the Fire Department has been doing over the past year. Cold water training exercises are being done.

He thanked all the property owners/taxpayers on Queen Lake for supporting the approval of 14 self-containing apparatus' and hose replacement at this year's town meeting. It is your tax money that help's to fund these projects. A concerned owner asked about the fire gate at the end of Spa Road. Brian Twohey has the key for this gate. Chief Stevens gave a reminder that "no parking" should be exercised in front of this gate.

A thank you went out to Chief Stevens for the quick EMT response for a resident on the lake.

Chief Stevens also informed the residents that his department is offering free Smoke and CO detectors; please call the Fire Department for information and installation.

Update on dirt roads. A reminder that the ambulance rides low to the ground and some of the roads washout during heavy rains, please try and monitor this and fix them if need be.

A big thank-you to Chief Stevens for taking time out of his busy schedule to speak to the association.

The meeting agenda had gone out of order and President Colby went back to have a moment of silence for residents who have passed this last year, Fred Baillanger, Jeffrey Williams and John McDaniels, along with any other residents were observed.

*Board of Health*, Matt Pearson spoke on behalf of the Board. Office hours are on Wednesday's 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The board meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month at 5 p.m. or if you have an issue, you can call Matt personally. Water quality at both beaches has been great this year so far as well as last year. The water is sampled one time weekly, Mondays. Unfortunately, if there are ever high bacteria counts the beach will be closed. Two large signs are posted at the public beach and this is also posted on the Queen Lake Website.

The transfer station operates on a buy bag status right now; however, this may be changing in the future to stickers.

This may be implemented in the fall. We will try to keep you posted. Members were reminded to please recycle.

Ducks and geese are nice to look at but can leave a mess, please remember not to feed them.

Lawn fertilizer is o.k. as long as it is organic.

People that are still using the lake water to draw are reminded to use bottle water to drink.

Thank you Matt for all the information and time you give to the association.

*Board of Selectmen*, Terry Dymek, Vice Chairman spoke to the association.

An update on the gate keeper/boat monitor has been hired, Mike Alberti. Plans to expand the monitoring program in the next few weeks.

The crosswalk at the main beach has been painted.

While Terry was speaking he brought the issues and the report on the dam. It has been rated in poor condition. Which in many ways is good as this will help us in getting grant monies. Repairs fall into the range of \$150,000 to \$180,000. It was noted that the reason for the water level being so low this spring was not due to any failure of the dam but for the low level of spring rain. It was noted that it has come up substantially since then.

Thank-you to Terry for the information and all your help with the association.

The Secretary's Report was read from the 7-5-2014 meeting. *A motion was made and seconded to accept this report. A copy is on file. A draft set of minutes is also posted on the QLA website for everyone to view.*

The Treasurer Report was read. As of June 28, 2015 the balance ending in the account is \$20,461.91 *A motion was made and seconded to accept this report.*

Boat Ramp Update. We were already informed by Terry about the boat ramp. The problem is that the association can only suggest but unfortunately if we have no town support at annual town meeting, as most owners on the lake cannot vote, only about 20 owners are registered voters. A sign-up list was passed around for the registered voters to give their emails so when town meeting comes around we can send out an email informing them to attend the meeting and speak for all owners on the lake. If you are a registered voter in town and were unable to attend the meeting, please send a current email address to Luanne at [royerroyer@comcast.net](mailto:royerroyer@comcast.net) so that she can add you to the reminder list.

Discussion took place in regards as to what is it we really want to "accomplish" with the boat ramp. Treatment vs. an actual gate issue. Cleaning of boats is the main issue, to educate and to keep steps to protect the lake from evasive species is the main goal. Charles Worden made a motion for the QLA to take steps to protect the lake from evasive species with a plan restricting point of where vehicles on lake can be sanitized. This was seconded by Joanne Augustino. Discussion took place and it was decided that we need to go to the Board of Selectmen one more time. However, we need to go with a plan, be specific in what are actually looking for.

It was requested to get on the Board of Selectmen's next agenda, which is either July 20<sup>th</sup> or August 3<sup>rd</sup>. Luanne will call their administrative assistant Rhonda and set this up. An email will go out to the officers, Board of Directors and Invasive Species Committed informing them of the date. Going into this meeting, we need to define as closely and accurately as we can as to what we want from the Board of Selectmen and Town of Phillipston.

Results of Election

Board of Directors to expire in 2018

Scott Conti

Gerry Gariepy

Craig Twohey

Weed Treatment.

John updated the association about Lycott being bought out. The senior engineer will be out this year to do a survey, again. No treatment has been done this year although we have already paid \$1,000 towards the survey and having the treatment. It was agreed by all that we want to work towards having the treatment done. It was agreed that a treatment should be scheduled now for next spring (done usually late May early June), John will schedule this. It was stated that if the dam gets repaired, this would take care of 90% of weeds and we wouldn't have to treat. We need to express our concerns to the Board of Selectmen as to how important getting the grant to fix this is.

A "position paperwork" idea was discussed to report this to the town. This was suggested by George Ladd and the importance of this report reiterated by Jody Mossman.

*A motion was made to pay \$200 to the Phillipston Congregational Church for the use of their hall. The motion was seconded and it was a unanimous vote to do this.*

*A motion was made to pay \$200 to Terry Dymek, the 2014 Gatekeeper. This was unanimous by the association.*

New Business: Boat mooring at the public beach was discussed once again. This is an ongoing issue and something needs to be done to rectify this. Questions were brought up about the legality of mooring a boat and who can actually enforce anything against this. A motion was made to have the Board of Selectmen appoint a Harbor Master for the town. This was seconded and voted unanimously by the association. It was noted that we should approach the selectmen with this issue as well as the boat ramp and dam issues for which we are trying to get on their agenda.

A question was raised about the election of the other officers. John Colby- President, Timothy Haley-Vice President, Luanne Royer-Secretary and Terry Dymek-Treasurer are currently representing the association. They have agreed to run again and there has been no request for anyone to run for these positions. A motion was made and seconded to reinstate the current officers for another year, expiring 2016. A unanimous vote by the association to re-elect the current officers.

Jetskis on the lake. It was stated that the environmental police have been on the lake checking registrations. Several property owners have been spoken to. If an issue persists, please call the Phillipston Police or the Environmental Police. Reminder to all residents about the dangers of night time boating. Also, to swimmers swimming without spotters.

#### Newly elected Officers and Board of Directors

##### **Officers**

###### Term to Expire 2016

President, John Colby  
Vice President, Timothy Haley  
Secretary, Luanne Royer  
Treasurer, Terry Dymek

##### **Board of Directors**

###### Term to Expire 2016

Bob Clark  
George Dakin  
Tom Royer

###### Term to Expire 2017

Russ Flagg  
Joanne Augustino  
Steve Wilson

###### Term to Expire 2018

Scott Conti  
Gerry Gariepy  
Craig Twohey

Next year's annual meeting will take place on July 9<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. Mark your calendars.

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

Respectfully Submitted,  
Luanne Royer  
Secretary  
Queen Lake Association

Motion made and seconded to accept at Annual Meeting 7-9-16, with a unanimous vote by the Association.