

QUEEN LAKE ASSOCIATION

DRAFT MINUTES FROM ANNUAL MEETING JULY 13 , 2019

The Queen Lake Association meeting was called to order at 9:03 AM by President John Colby.

Campers Old and New introduced themselves and stated how long they have been on the lake.

A moment of silence was observed for deceased members, Wayne North, Ronnie Martel, David Kulczyk, Kim Rice,, Brian and Ryan Twohey. Our heartfelt condolences go out to each of these families.

TOWN OFFICIALS:

Chief of Police Kevin Dodge spoke about how well everything went over the July 4th celebrations. He thanked everyone for following boating safety on the lake. He left a Handbook of Mass Off-Highway Vehicle Laws for anyone interested. More are available at the Town Office. Things have been peaceful and quiet around the lake so far this season.

- Members voiced concerns about signage needed on Burma and Spa roads that neither is a thru way, or a dead end.
- It was requested that people follow the ONE WAY signs near the Common when using the Transfer Station.
- Some boaters are not using the boat parking area on Queen Lake Rd. after launching their boats. Police will try to monitor this as needed and request that they do so.

Board of Health – Rick French gave the Water Quality Report that so far this season even over the 4th that both the Public Beach area and the North end of the lake have had “non-detectable “ bacteria readings. We need to continue to encourage our neighbors to update their septic systems as needed. Doing so has had a positive effect on the water quality of the lake.

Rick provided an updated instruction sheet for separation of recyclables at the Transfer Station. He encouraged everyone to use the Transfer Station and be sure to thank the workers there when we do. He also encouraged campers to drop off all returnable cans and bottles to the Boy Scouts at their trailer located near the Transfer Station.

Ruth French offered to open the Board of Health Office immediately following the meeting for any campers who wish to purchase Transfer Station Stickers. Thank you Ruth!

Board of Selectman—Terry Dymek gave a brief overview of Town Happenings over the past year. The School Department had proposed a change in student assignments for early and mid-elementary grades. There was much discussion in town but no changes were made .

John Dugay is head of Volunteer Fire Department and doing a fine job.

There was a question about taxes. Terry explained that there is one tax rate in town for all residences. Property values are increasing on the lake therefor our taxes reflect that increase in value.

The Gate Keeper is in place so expect gate at boat ramp to be locked from 10:00AM to 6:00 PM on weekends and Holidays.

Missing sign requesting boat washing that was attached to gate has not been located. A motion was made, seconded and passed that George Dakin replace the sign and secure it to the gate for which he will be reimbursed by the QLA.

Department of Public Works: Rick Tenny spoke to the campers and said he would see what signage they could install on Burma, Searle and Spa Rd to indicate they are not a thru way.

He will see to it that the condition of the boat ramp is checked and maintained. Heavier repairs may be done at time of draw down in the fall when there is better access. He requested that we send him a reminder at that time.

Campers requested the possibility of brush trimming along the edges of Burma Rd. Rick will see said he would see what could be done.

Concerns over low hanging wires was expressed. Rick suggested contacting National Grid, cable company and telephone company. Also contact Dispatch in Templeton.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Sally read the minutes from last year's annual meeting . Motion was made that they be accepted as read. Seconded and Passed.

TREASURER REPORT: Terry gave the report. After deposits and expenses were reported the current balance in the treasury is \$25,094.80. Motion was made to donate \$200 to church for use of hall and to reimburse Sally for cost of annual mailing of \$ 226.03.

OLD BUSINESS: Dam Update: Terry reported that the dam is nearly complete. Self- inflicted errors by contractor caused some delays. Modification is to be put in place to enable level of lake to increase by 3-6 inches. Now that we have a working gate we will be able to draw down the lake by 3 to 4 feet in the Fall to allow for natural freeze of weeds. This should help with weed control and amount of treatment needed.

Fan Wort and Bladder Wort have blossomed in the lake in the North end, Lamb and Baker Cove and public beach area. These areas may require spot treatment. A motion was made to authorize the BOD to make necessary contacts to have the lake treated in May as needed for weeds. Seconded and passed.

NEW BUSINESS: Proposed By-Law Change (ENCLOSED IN ANNUAL LETTER AND READ ALOUD BY Sally)

ARTICLE 5, MEMBERSHIP and VOTING: Replace old language with the following:

The following individuals are eligible for Membership in the Queen Lake Association:

- Any person owning real property with deeded access to Queen Lake.
- Phillipston residents having an interest in maintaining and improving Queen Lake

The proposed change passed by overwhelming majority- yes vs. Nays-4

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: The following Slate of officers was presented by Nominating Committee, President-John Colby, VP-Tim Haley, Treasurer-Terry Dymek, Secretary-Sally Suomala and George Dakin, Tom Royer, Keith Williams to continue on Board of Directors. No Nominations made from the floor. The proposed slate was elected.

Since Terry Dymek has his home for sale, he requested that someone become an assistant Treasurer in case he steps down prior to the next election. George "Rusty" Newcomb volunteered and was elected. He will meet with Terry to go to bank to add his name to checking account for the QLA.

Everyone is asked to encourage new membership of campers on the lake who do not belong to the association. We need everyone to work together to keep the lake clean and enjoyable for all to use.

Motion was made to adjourn and unanimously passed at 10:28AM

Respectfully submitted by

Sally Suomala, Secretary

