

## QUEEN LAKE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Saturday July 10, 2021 9:00 AM

The Queen Lake Association meeting was called to order at 9:07 AM by President John Colby.

Campers Old and New introduced themselves and stated how long they have been on the lake. There were 65-70+ campers in attendance.

A Moment of Silence was held for deceased members: Don Wilson; Arthur Altman; Elden Bjurling; Charlie Warden; Jim Wilbur; Fred Swedberg; Kim Kulczyk; Tye Ulmer

Gerry Gariepy announced that a memorial service will be held to honor Don Wilson and place the bronze plaques at the dam and at the old millstones on August 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM. Town Officials and BOD members will attend the ceremony. Lake residents are invited to join a boat parade at 11:00AM to cruise by the dam following the ceremony. Boats will assemble at Lambs Cove to form the parade at 10:45AM. Sally will send out a reminder a few days ahead via email.

TREASURERS REPORT: (see attached sheet) Given by Rusty Newcomb

### TOWN OFFICIALS

RICK TENNEY, DPW Director, updated the membership on recent improvements made around the lake. Fresh gravel on Boat Ramp, new sand on the beach and buoy markers at the beach area. New signs on some of camp roads indicating "Not a Thru Street". Moved the Cross Walk closer to the Beach also marked with a cone.

He hopes the Town of Phillipston can do further repairs to the boat ramp in the Fall when water levels are down. The Town plans to lower speed limit to 35mph on Rt#101 coming from Petersham and move the 25mph sign further back before Altman Dr. coming from Templeton.

Police are having more presence on Narrow Lane and at Beach area. A new 10mph yellow sign will be placed on Spa Rd and possibly others. It is important for property owners to remind their company to obey 10mph speed limit on all camp roads for the safety of children, pets, campers and their vehicles!

Rick also announced that the bridge on 101 near Templeton line will be closed for approximately three months for repairs beginning August 9<sup>th</sup>. Road Work signs and Detour signs will be in place shortly. Work is expected to be completed in November.

The Association thanked Rick for his continued cooperation and timely attention to all our concerns and especially in managing the dam/ water levels. We appreciate all his efforts!

TOM DOUST, SELECTMAN, introduced himself to the membership and said one of his priorities as the Town's newest Selectman is accessibility! Tom remained for the entire meeting and

offered valued input during discussions. We look forward to continued cooperation with the Town and Selectman on matters concerning Queen Lake.

#### RUTH FRENCH, BOARD OF HEALTH

Ruth made information on the Transfer Station available to members and requested that we make use of this valued service. Transfer Station Stickers can be purchased at the Board of Health Office at the Town Hall Annex on Wednesdays from 3:00-5:00PM cost \$40 each, \$5 for additional sticker. Stickers valid for 2021 & 2022. Transfer Station bags must be used for Trash @ 10 for \$20. Checks only, no cash accepted. RECYCLING IS FREE!

The lake water is tested every Wednesday for E.coli. Most recent report showed

Public Beach @ 9 / 100ML and North end @ 12/100ML. These counts are extremely favorable results since the Recreational Water Limits are 235/100ML. Results are posted weekly on the QL website.

The Board of Health continues a "Carry In-Carry-Out Policy for the Public Beach. There is a sign to that effect at the Beach. The porta potty is in place as well as trash receptacle.

Chris Johnson has been hired as the Gate Keeper and Beach Caretaker. Rick Tenney and Tom Doust will work with Chris to develop a written detailed job description.

#### CONSERVATION COMMISSION:

Tim Haley spoke for the Con.Com. Tim said that the DCR is responsible for anything within 200 ft. of the water. They should be consulted prior to any repairs to waterfront that involves use of heavy machinery. Regular beach/wall maintenance by hand is OK. If you are planning major repairs check with DCR before work is done. The DCR is there to assist property owners not deter them. The DCR was consulted after the fact on Spa Rd. improvements but found them not to be detrimental to the lake but an improvement. Bottom line is please consult DCR prior to any work being done!

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES FROM 7/13/19: The minutes from the last Annual Meeting were available for members to read and a motion was made to accept the minutes as written. Motion was seconded and passed.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: A slate of Officers and Board of Directors was presented by Karl Hakkarainen from the Nominating Committee. There were no nominations made from the floor. A motion was made to vote on the slate as a whole, seconded and voted unanimously.

President: John Colby VP: Tim Haley Treasurer: Rusty Newcomb Secretary: Sally Suomala

Board of Directors: (Two-year term end 2023) Scott Conti, Craig Twohey, Jim Larrabee

(Three-Year Term ends 2024) Joanne Augustino, Leon Roberge, Bob Clark

We welcome Jim Larrabee as newest member of the Board of Directors! Congratulations to returning members. Thank you to the Nominating Committee Karl & Sandra Hakkarainen and Jim Potter for their fine job.

DAM UPDATE: Scott Conti reported that the water level is presently at the top of the dam. The modifications made to raise the water level an additional 5 ½ to 6 “ is in place but needs some minor adjustments which will be made this week. Scott and Tim Haley are working with Rick Tenney to maintain the gate for the dam. Water levels will be watched closely and adjustments made as needed if we get excess rain this summer. The gate will be lowered in October and raised again in January 2022 to allow for levels to return to summer levels sooner next spring.

JET SKI COMMITTEE: Leon Roberge, chairman has reached out to all known jet ski owners on the lake to remind them of the “CODE OF CONDUCT” developed by the owners last summer and signed by the owners. They are following a self- policing policy which seems to be working. If you witness any dangerous behavior, please contact Leon and he will address the issue with the operators. The written “Code of Conduct for PWC’s was available for the membership along with the Recommendation from the Board of Directors on discouraging use of wakeboats (boats with ballast tanks) on Queen Lake.

#### Public Beach/Boat Ramp

After considerable discussion on how to enforce or restrict use of the Public Beach to Phillipston Residents a Motion was made and seconded to have the BOD form a committee to work with Town Selectman to further address this issue. Motion was passed unanimously.

Selectman, Tom Doust said he would be willing to work with us on this issue.

George Dakin, Director; property owners, Clay & Laurel Schmick; and June Hubbard-Ward expressed an interest in working with the BOD and Town on this issue.

MOTION WAS MADE TO ADJOURN at 11:00AM.

Respectfully submitted by

Sally Suomala, Secretary

TREASURERS REPORT: Given by Rusty Newcomb

Athol Savings Bank as of 7/9/21 Business Checking Balance \$4,740.10

Money Market Acct. Balance \$ 10,013.39

Checks paid out in 2020 to:

5/22/20 Solitude \$2500

6/2/20 George Dakin \$ 95.80(sign for beach)

6/18/20 Solitude \$2500

6/23/20 Solitude \$43,960

6/23/20 Solitude \$300 DEP permit

7/2/20 Athol Daily News \$66

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7/6/20 Tim Haley \$105 (Registry of Deeds)

7/28/20 Sally Suomala \$244.41 (Printing/ mailing costs for weed treatment letters)

8/14/20 Solitude \$12,540

9/16/20 Solitude \$5000

11/13/20 Solitude \$500

11/16/20 Solitude \$500

Total paid to Solitude toward Weed Treatments in 2020 \$ 67,800.00