

# CANAAN LAKE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

CANAAN MEETING HOUSE  
Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
10:30 AM

## 1. Welcome

President John Bergeron called the meeting to order at 10:35am.

There were 48 attendees present. John welcomed all in attendance and expressed a special thanks to the Cardigan Mountain School for providing the lunch for our Annual event and all the groups that provided educational displays (NH Lake Association Lake Host Program, NH Water Quality, and Loon Preservation Committee).

## 2. Approve Minutes of 2015 Annual Meeting

Minutes from the 2015 Annual Meeting had been made available prior to and at this meeting. The President opened the floor for discussion and questions and as there were none, asked for approval of 2015 minutes as submitted.

- Moved: Carol Williams
- Seconded: Jan Forbush
- Approved: All in attendance

## 3. Reports

### a. Audit

Claude Lemoi reported that James Fenn, business manager at the Cardigan Mountain School, had reviewed all 2015 financial records of the Canaan St. Lake Association, and found them correct and in order. The Association's total bank balances were \$13,244.40 on December 31, 2015. Claude requested approval of the audited statement.

- Moved: Lola Baldwin
- Seconded: Bob Terhune
- Approved: All in attendance

### b. Treasurer

The 2015 Financial report (budget to actual) and the proposed 2016 Budget were made available to all in attendance. Claude Lemoi reported that the major expenditures for 2015 were:

- NHLA Dues \$500
- Lake Host costs \$1,345
- Water Testing \$223
- Contributions to Loon Preservation, Meetinghouse & Town Swimming Education program \$200 each.

The 2016 Budget mirrors previous years and projects. Equal income and expenditures of \$3,800 are projected. Claude requested approval of the 2016 annual budget.

- Moved: Jan Forbush
- Seconded: Scott Berry
- Approved: All in attendance

### c. Lake Hosts

Scott Berry provided an overview of the Lake Host Program. There are currently three paid Lake Hosts, and 18 Volunteers who cover the boat ramp for 2 hours in between each paid morning and afternoon shift. Scott thanked Elizabeth Jutila for all of her efforts to coordinate the volunteers. Scott emphasized the importance of the Lake Host Program, pointing out that experience in NH has been that lakes which do not have an active Lake Host Program invariably get infested with Milfoil. He made a plea for more volunteers to come forward, especially

among the 136 lakefront property owners, asking them to consider the value of their property investment. Carol Williams asked about training, and Scott described the training videos and information which are available on the NH Lakes web site, as well as personalized training provided by experienced members of the Canaan Lake Association as needed.

d. Weed Watchers

Rick Roesch represented Kris Burnett, the Weed Watch coordinator, with a report on the Weed Watch Program. Volunteers have been actively patrolling the lake and although there have been no signs of any invasive plant species (aka ‘weeds’), invasive Chinese Mystery Snails were recently discovered in the general vicinity of the boat ramp. More volunteers are needed, and a special Weed Watch training session will be conducted at the beach by DES Scientist Amy Smagula immediately after the Annual Meeting.

e. Water Quality

John Bergeron provided a recap of the Water Quality report to all in attendance as well as provided a full written report (attached), provided as a result of the Association’s participation in the NH VLAP (Volunteer Lake Assessment Program). John noted that pH has been variable, going up and down, but there are no real concerns arising from the NH Water Quality reports so far this year.

**4. Website – canaanlakenh.org.**

Michael Paine provided a status of the website. It is performing well and Sharon Duffey in the Town Office is available to perform updates.

**5. Election of officers:**

A new slate of officers for the Lake Association was submitted for approval.

President:	John Bergeron
Vice-President:	Charlotte Abington
Secretary:	Joy Clancy
Treasurer:	Claude Lemoi
Board Member:	Chris Day

Moved: Carol Williams

Seconded: Scott Berry

Approved: All in attendance.

**6. Loon Report**

Dudley Smith reported that the Loon population in New Hampshire is slowly recovering. The number of nesting pairs has increased from 155 to 211 in about 10 years, with a corresponding increase from 105 chicks to 174 chicks in that time period. He reported that one nesting pair on Canaan Street Lake are nurturing two chicks this year, and two other Loons have been seen frequenting the lake, also. Dudley informed members that 41% of Loon deaths have been caused by lead sinkers, along with the news that New Hampshire has passed a law prohibiting lead sinkers as of July 1st. New Hampshire has experienced its first known case of a Loon death due to Avian Cancer. The animal science community suspects that climate change may be a factor.

**7. Other Business**

a. Jan Forbush was judged to be the winner of the Photo Contest

b. John Bergeron urged all in attendance to avail themselves of the opportunity to view the displays in the room:

- NH Dams
- VLAP Program
- Canaan St. Lake

- Lake Host Program
  - Aquatic Invasive Plants and Animals
  - Upper Valley Land Trust
  - Photos in the photo contest
- c. Sergeant Ryan Porter of the Canaan Police Department provided a summary of a recent rash of burglaries which occurred around the lake, resulting in property damage of about \$70,000. Sgt. Porter reported the case was solved, with juveniles from Maine charged for the offenses. He also addressed measures which can help protect properties, such as alarm systems, lighting, and regular monitoring by friends, neighbors, and/or contractors.
- d. Mike Samson explained efforts in the town to raise funds to complete the restoration of windows in the Meeting House, and asked for members' support. An impressive book of historic photographs of Canaan is available for sale, and there will be a raffle to support this cause during Old Home Days.

8. **Next Annual Meeting** - Saturday, July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017

## 9. **Adjourn**

The President thanked everyone who had contributed to the success of the annual meeting and of those who attended. A motion to adjourn was approved by all in attendance.