

Canaan Lake Association Annual Meeting Minutes July 20, 2019

Welcome

John Bergeron, Chairman of the Canaan Lake Association, opened the meeting with a welcome to everyone, returning members and new members alike.

Guest Speaker

Guest speaker Jason Aube, from the Department of Environmental Services (DES), was introduced by John.

Jason presented a slide show and spoke about the history, purpose and permitting process of the Shoreline Protection Act. He encouraged lakefront owners to learn more about the dangers of storm water to surface water, the single greatest threat to the health of the lake. Maintaining and creating vegetative buffers are an essential element in minimizing the effects of storm water on lakes.

He explained that many changes to properties can be made without a DES permit. However, excavating with mechanized equipment, filling that changes the contour of the land, and/or constructing new structures automatically trigger the need for a DES permit. Jason described in some detail the grid and point system which is used to measure the allowable volume of trees and shrubs that may be removed in buffer zones, which are critical to the protection of lakes.

The DES Guide to Stormwater Management brochure is recommended to anyone who wants guidelines for managing their waterfront.

In answer to the question 'What Can You Do', Jason suggested the following:

- Know where stormwater is concentrated on your land ("know the flow")
- Organize an event to address stormwater problems
- Recognize the value of trees, shrubs and natural features

Please contact JASON.AUBE @DES.NH.GOV with questions or concerns.

New Members of the Canaan Lake Association Recognized

New members were recognized.

Suanne and Tom Milligan

Joe and Sandy Hayden

Chris Walcott and Ben Hayden

Annie Johnson

Kristi Wilson

Paula Aldrich

Approval of 2018 Lake Association Meeting Minutes

The members approved the 2018 Canaan Lake Association Annual Meeting minutes

Moved: Elizabeth Jutila

Second: Michael Paine

Approved: All in attendance

Treasurer's Report

Claude Lemoi, Treasurer, reported the Association had a very successful financial year in 2018, thanks in part to a few very generous donors. As a result, we were able to add \$1,000 to the Association's reserve fund. The financial records for 2018 were audited by Michael Roy, and everything was found to be in order.

There is a financial challenge this year because the Town of Canaan has informed us it will not be able to provide the customary \$1,800 of funding as in the past. The proposed budget for 2019, therefore, reflects a projected loss of \$910. The association can absorb this loss because of the surplus in 2018. In fact, donations this year are running ahead of projections, and the actual result at the end of the year may be more favorable than the budget indicates.

John Bergeron asked for a motion to approve the budget.

Moved: Brook Adler

Second: Kim Franks

Approved: All in attendance

Claude thanked the Red Wagon Bakery for providing pastries and Cardigan Mountain School for underwriting the lunch by Jake's.

Lake Host Program

Elizabeth Jutila reported the Lake Hosts completed 518 boat inspections last year, 37 of which came from lakes with invasive species. She reminded everyone that boat inspections are the first line of defense against invasive plants and animals entering our lake. Lake Hosts work hand-in-hand with weed watchers to prevent the spread of invasives. She asked members who aren't already helping out to consider volunteering (contact elizabethbjutila@gmail.com). For those who don't wish to volunteer at the boat ramp, but who would like to contribute, donations may be made directly to the NH Lakes Program, with Canaan Street Lake the recipient (<http://tinyurl.com/canaan-host>). Elizabeth recognized the Lake Host volunteers:

Ann Berry, Paid Lake Host Coordinator

Elizabeth Jutila, Volunteer Lake Host Coordinator

Charlotte Abington

Jim Adler

Karen Henry

Scott Berry

Kirsten Jutila

Kris Burnett

Claude Lemoi

Maria Clark

Rick Roesch

David Cole

KJ Roy

Beth Davis

Brett Schmidt

Kim Franks

Carol Williams

Weed Watcher Program

Rick Roesch reported the Weed Watchers are the second line of defense (after Lake Hosts) against invasive species entering the lake. The Weed Watchers are a group of good citizens who patrol the perimeter of the lake looking for invasive plants and animals. They patrol monthly starting in June and report directly to the Lake Association. Rick noted the Weed Watchers have not yet detected any invasives. He encouraged everyone to join the weed watcher patrol, unofficially, and report anything suspicious to any member of the Lake Association, Weed Watchers or Lake Hosts. Rick recognized the Weed Watcher volunteers:

Rick Roesch, Coordinator

Maria Clark

Elissa Close

Dan Forbush

Claude Lemoi

Tina Lemoi

Linda Pendleton

Skip Pendleton

Rob Schafer

Julie Smith

Carol Williams

Loon Report

Elissa Close reported our lake currently has an adult pair and a juvenile, whether related to the adult pair or not is in question. She also provided information about the threat of West Nile virus to the loon population (so far not found in New Hampshire). Other threats, including that of mercury, lead and parasites, are being studied extensively at Tufts. Despite the many dangers to loons, last year was a good one for the New Hampshire population, with many lakes reporting healthy new young loons.

Lakes Congress

Karen Henry described a pilot program through New Hampshire Lakes called Lake Smart. This is a consultation program whose purpose is to make lakefront properties more “lake friendly”. She participated recently, starting with an online survey and followed by a volunteer visit to her home. The Lake Smart folks made suggestions for improving their “lakefriendliness” which Karen believes will improve their property. The focus of the program is helping landowners explore ways to prevent run-off.

Water Quality - 2018 report

John Bergeron reported most parameters remain similar to last year and are generally acceptable. There is an increase in chloride and conductivity which are both above the state lake averages. The numbers are not harmful, but the trend could eventually present problems. Both chloride and conductivity come from road salt and septic systems, with road salt being the major contributor. Phosphorous numbers crept up slightly, but not dramatically. Phosphorous, which causes weeds, algae, and cyanobacteria to flourish, comes from stormwater, certain fertilizers, and septic systems. The beach was tested for E. coli on several occasions, with samples taken from the left and right sides of the beach. Only the June 19, 2019 right side sample failed. That failure was 167, which exceeded the limit of 156. Feces from wildlife and pets is the typical source of E. coli. Please don't

feed the waterfowl and do pick up pet waste. There were no cyanobacteria blooms this year. Please maintain your septic systems, use zero phosphorous lawn fertilizer, and use no fertilizer within 25 feet of the lake.

Photographic Competition

John reported a large number of submissions this year, which were judged by local photographer, Linda Roesch. Honorable mention winners: Ashley Arsenal, Dan Forbush, Karen Henry, Kathy Kuy, Rory Germain, and Sharon Weaver. Third prize: Steven Purcell; second prize: Peter Williams; first prize: Richard Fox.

Canaan Lake Association Bylaws

John reported a slight adjustment in the bylaws which now gives the Nominating Committee the authority to waive Director term limits. This waiver authority was previously held by the Board of Directors. The change eliminates a possible conflict of interest.

Advisory Committee

Rick Roesch explained the concept behind an advisory committee is to encourage folks to become involved in the activities of the Lake Association before serving on the Board, as well as to allow previous members who wish to continue to advise and support the Board of Directors to do so after their terms expire. Anyone wishing to become involved should contact Rick or John.

Election of Officers and Directors

Charlotte Abington thanked Brook Adler and Julie Smith for their efforts on behalf of the Nominating Committee. She also praised outgoing members, Michael Paine and Rick Roesch for their many years of dedicated service. Charlotte presented the slate of new candidates for approval by the members.

- Secretary/Treasurer: Claude Lemoi
- Directors: Scott Berry, Maria Arista Clark, Kim Franks

John asked for a motion to approve the slate.

Moved: Brook Adler

Second: Karen Henry

Approved: All in attendance

Final announcements

Thanks to the following:

Headmaster Chris Day and Cardigan Mountain School for underwriting lunch, provided by Jake's

Jan Forbush for coordinating the dog show

David Cole for providing music

The two curtains on display are the Grange theater curtain landscape of Route 4 and the Meeting House grand drape, recently conserved through a grant from the NH Moose plate program and the work of the Cardigan Mountain Art Association.

NH Lakes is raffling a coffee mug in the rear of the room

DES fact sheets are displayed around the room

Upper Valley Land Trust exhibits are on display

Mascoma Health Center information is available, and Mike Samson, Town Administrator, is on hand to answer any questions.

2020 Canaan Lake Association Annual Meeting

The next meeting will be July 18, 2020

Adjournment

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 AM.

Moved: Michael Paine

Second: Charlotte Abington

Approved: All in attendance

Respectfully submitted,

Kris Burnett