

**Canaan Lake Association  
Annual Meeting Minutes  
Canaan Meeting House  
July 15, 2017 (10:30am)**

**1) Welcome & Acknowledgement of new members**

President John Bergeron called the meeting to order at 10:30 am. There were 40 attendees present. John welcomed everyone and especially the new Canaan Lake Association members:

Robert & Susan Nero

Brian & Elaine Lacy

Mark Wrightington & Deb Hutchinson

Gary & Karen Webb

**2) Special Presentation - NH Lakes Today - Amy Smagula NH DES Invasive Species Coordinator**

Ms. Smagula presented an overview of the health of NH lakes as well as the 5 top issues that impact them. Overall, the water quality of NH lakes is very good. The department assesses every water body in the state every 2 years and reports that NH ranks in the top 5 in the country in average water clarity. Canaan Street Lake is designated as an Oligotrophic (pristine) lake and although it has reported to have had bacteria problems in the swim beach periodically it ranks high in the State. The Top 5 concerns that impact lakes are: Storm Water Runoff, Shoreline Management, Invasive Species (In NH there are 85 infested water bodies and 105 different types of infestations), Toxins (cyanobacteria has started earlier this year in NH) & Emerging Contaminants; Competing Demands & Carrying Capacity. Ms. Smagula explained types of remediation that Canaan Street Lake residents can do to minimize the impact of these issues.

**3) 2016 Annual Meeting Minutes**

Minutes from the 2016 Annual Meeting had been made available prior to this meeting. The President opened the floor for discussion and questions; as there were none he asked for approval of 2016 minutes as submitted.

Moved: Dudley Smith

Second: Ann Berry

Approved: all in attendance

**4) Reports**

a) 2016 Audit & Report – Claude Lemoi

Treasurer Claude Lemoi reported that Michael Roy, a local business person, had reviewed all financial records of the Canaan Lake Association and found them correct and in order. The ending balance in the checking and milfoil accounts were \$2,514.91 and \$10,952.12 respectively.

b) 2017 YTD & Budget Report – Claude Lemoi

The 2017 Budget was made available on the Association website and was presented verbally by Mr. Lemoi. It mirrors the previous years budget however it shows a slight deficit (\$3,820 expenses; \$3,800 revenues) Mr. Lemoi noted that this deficit has already been eliminated because dues received have surpassed budget. He asked for approval for the 2017 budget.

Moved: Rick Roesch

Second: Charlotte Abington

Approved: All in attendance

c) Lake Host – Ann Berry

Ms. Berry introduced the paid lake hosts, Kyle Wilson, Grace Keyser, Kerrigan Monfetti, and explained how hosts examine boats and trailers in search of invasive species. She recognized all the volunteer Lake Hosts present, thanking them for their service. Ms. Berry reported that paid Lake Hosts clocked over 300 weekend hours and volunteers 150 hours examining approximately 500 boats in 2016. She made an appeal for more Lake Host volunteers to ensure the continuation of this important program to protect the lake.

d) Weed Watchers – Rick Roesch

Mr. Roesch opened his report with a special note of thanks to Kris Burnett for all her years of work organizing and running the weed watch program. He then went on to recognize volunteer watchers in the room and explained method by which weed watchers canvass our lake. To date there have been no reported invasive weed species however there is still a presence of the invasive Chinese Mystery Snail. Mr. Roesch reported that lakes of our size typically have 10 to 12 Weed Watchers to make sure there is comprehensive and frequent monitoring for invasive species; to achieve this we need several additional volunteers to join the group. Any member with a kayak, canoe, row boat or paddle board qualifies; training plus identification materials will be provided.

e) Loon Report – Dudley Smith

Mr. Smith and other volunteers conducted a loon census on the morning of the Annual meeting. He reports: 2 loons on the lake and 2 fly-ins but 0 chicks. He reported that the loon pair nested same place as last year and that one egg was produced. Unfortunately, that egg has disappeared and after a thorough search for animal predator activity around the nest and finding none it was determined that this may have been the result of human activity. He went onto explain that in NH there is a \$2000 fine for any person found disturbing a loon nest. He further noted that 54% of loon nests in NH failed in 2016.

f) Water Quality – John Bergeron

Mr. Bergeron presented the most recent water quality report. He noted that phosphorous continues to be the #1 contaminant of concern for Canaan St. Lake but it is the one most easily controlled by residents. Controlling storm runoff, eliminating use of phosphorous-

based products and maintaining a phosphorous and sediment buffer along the lake's edge are effective methods. All other water quality parameters are under control at this time. Mr. Bergeron offered training to any resident who would like to participate in this important effort.

5) **Photographic Competition** – winners were announced

1<sup>st</sup> - Ashley Arsenal

2<sup>nd</sup> - Dan Forbush

3<sup>rd</sup> - Donna Allen

Honorable mention– Donna Allen, Susan Franks, Dan Forbush, Chris Dow

6) **Election of Officers & Directors**

President Bergeron opened nominations from the floor and being none, Jim Adler of the Nominating Committee presented the 2017 slate of directors. They are:

Secretary / Treasurer: Claude Lemoi

Directors (2 year term): Scott Berry; Kris Burnett; Jan Forbush; Michael Paine; Rick Roesch; Amy St. Pierre.

Terms that expire next year:

President – John Bergeron

Vice-President- Charlotte Abington

Director – Christopher Day

Departing directors are Joy Clancy Michelson and David Auerbach. The Association would like to thank them for their service.

With slate presented President Bergeron requested a motion to approve the Board as presented.

Moved: Brooke Adler

Second: Richard Abington

Approved: All in attendance.

7) **Beach Party**

a) President Bergeron expressed a big “Thank You” to Chris Day and Cardigan Mountain School for once again sponsoring the free BBQ for our Annual meeting. He also expressed thanks to the Brian Decato group for providing music.

b) The Annual meeting Dog show organized by Jan Forbush was a great success. 18 canines and their owners participated and all were awarded prizes.

8) **Other Business**

Scott Berry spoke about the new Mascoma Community Health Center at 18 Roberts Road that has opened its doors to the community. He explained that anyone, year-round or

summer residents, can use the Health Center for their medical or dental needs and he encouraged them to stop by to pick up a new patient packet.

9) **2018 Annual Meeting:** The next Annual Canaan Lake Association meeting is scheduled for July 21, 2018 at 10:30am

10) **Adjournment:** With no other business to conduct the 2017 Canaan Lake Association Annual meeting was adjourned at 12:00pm.