

**Canaan Lake Association (CLA)  
Annual Meeting Minutes  
Canaan Meetinghouse, Saturday, July 16, 2022**

**Call to Order and Welcome**

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 AM by President Karen Henry who welcomed all members in attendance, especially recognizing new members by name.

Karen displayed the CLA's mission on the screen, followed by recognition of the numerous volunteers who fulfill this mission (see Notes at end). She extended the Association's sincere thank you to Bill VanZandt of Fresh Picks for donating lunch and morning coffee, and presented Bill a case of home made Vermont maple syrup in custom bottles as a token of our appreciation. Then, Karen displayed the agenda for the meeting.

**Announcements**

Karen made the following announcements:

- The Town of Canaan has provided a dog waste station at the beach.
- The Town will be replacing the municipal water intake line in the reservoir between July and October this year.
- Cyanobacteria is an increasing problem in NH Lakes, caused by excess phosphorous and nitrogen. Prevention steps include: maintain septic system, pick up pet waste, don't feed waterfowl, don't use fertilizer, use non-phosphate soaps, maintain vegetative buffers, cover bare soil with plants or mulch.
- The NH Lakes organization sponsors a free, voluntary program called "LakeSmart", which provides education, evaluation, and recognition to property owners around lakes, providing guidance on how to maintain or improve lake water quality. Karen encouraged members to participate in this program.
- Karen introduced State Senator Sue Prentiss, who described NH House Bill 1066, which was recently signed into law. In short, this law requires the NH Dept. of Environmental Services to develop a comprehensive management plan to deal with cyanobacteria, and provides funding to do so.

## **2021 Annual Meeting Minutes**

The draft minutes having been handed out to members present for review, Brooke Adler made a motion they be approved and Kim Franks seconded the motion. With no discussion forthcoming, the motion was approved with all in favor.

### **Guest Speaker**

Karen introduced Dan Billin, a local expert on many aspects of Canaan's history. Dan told a very interesting story about the culture and events in the Canaan area before, during, and after the 1835 attack and destruction of Noyes Academy on Canaan Street, the first racially integrated school in America. Dan shared much of his personal knowledge about the era, and about numerous individuals who founded, supported, defended, and attended the academy, including some of their distinguished accomplishments later in life.

### **Treasurer's Report**

After a brief intermission, Claude Lemoi presented the actual financial results for 2021, which were quite favorable, with income about \$2,000 higher than budgeted due to a number of very generous donations. Expenses were about \$2,200 less than budget, due mostly to fewer paid lake host hours than planned (covered by volunteers), a virtual Annual Meeting (no lunch expense), and the cancellation of Swim Lessons because of COVID. As a result, the Association was able to add \$4,500 to the Strategic Reserve Fund. The only discussion was a suggestion by Pete Taussig that it might be possible to earn a better interest rate for some of the money in this fund using I-Bonds. Claude responded that he will check this out.

Claude then provided a summary of the proposed budget for 2022. The budget is similar to the prior year, and is balanced, including \$600 for lunch after the Annual Meeting, and \$200 for a swim program. If these expenses don't materialize, the funds will be transferred to the Strategic Reserve account. Claude reported that income from member dues is on budget this year, and generous donations are once again being received, in excess of budget. Kim Franks made a motion to approve the 2022 budget, Sandy Hayden seconded the motion, and it was approved with all in favor.

### **Lake Hosts Report**

Lake Host Program Coordinator Elizabeth Jutila reported that 507 boat inspections were performed in 2021, with no invasive species found. She reported that the Program is running well again this year, with 348 inspections so far (71 motorboats and 277 non-motorized vessels), and no invasive species found yet. Elizabeth then introduced Maria Clark, who is the new Lake Host Volunteer Coordinator. Maria thanked all the volunteers who provide coverage for paid hosts during their mid day breaks, and encouraged more people to volunteer to fill in the remaining coverage needed this season.

### **Report on Loons**

Elissa Close, the CLA representative to the state-wide Loon Preservation Committee, presented an in depth report on Loons in New Hampshire. She reminded the audience that loons are a threatened species which is protected by NH state law. Among many other things, she reported that the three leading causes of premature loon deaths are mercury poisoning, lead poisoning (from fishing tackle), and fishing line entanglement. Elissa also reported that Canaan Street Lake does have one chick this year, about three weeks old as of the meeting, which appears to be thriving so far. She stated this is the best outcome on our lake since 2018.

### **Water Quality Report**

Kristi Wilson described the Volunteer Lake Assessment Program (VLAP), and reported that samples of water from Canaan Street Lake had been collected twice this year (June and July), with one more sampling planned in August. Cumulative results from last year (2021) were good overall, except for the continuing upward trend in conductivity, mainly caused by road salt. Cumulative reports of results for 2022 are not yet available.

### **Weed Watchers Report**

Rick Roesch, Weed Watcher Coordinator, began his report by thanking the many volunteers (see Notes) who are safeguarding our lake against invasive plants and animals through the Weed Watcher Program. Each volunteer monitors a section of the lake monthly and reports findings to the coordinator. To date there have been no reported invasive weed species or

cyanobacteria blooms identified. However, Rick cautioned that Purple Loosestrife may soon be found blooming in wet areas along the shoreline, and steps will be taken to remove it when and if Weedwatchers find it (with owners' permission, of course). He encouraged anyone who might be interested to join this fun group.

### **Board of Advisors Report**

Rick Roesch reported the Board of Advisors is made up of former CLA Board members and other interested volunteers (see Notes). This group assists the Board of Directors as needed, especially with the Annual Meeting and Lake Celebration day. Rick invited anyone who might be interested to contact him.

### **Election of Officers and Directors**

Jim Adler, Chair of the 2022 Nominating Committee, presented the report of the committee and put forward the slate of candidates for this year's election, as follows:

Karen Henry -	President
Elizabeth Jutila -	Vice President
Elissa Close -	Director
Chris Day -	Director
Deborah Hutchinson -	Director
Bill Stone -	Director

There being no additional nominations offered from the floor, Charlotte Abington made a motion to accept the proposed slate of candidates, Jan Forbush seconded the motion, and it was passed with all in favor.

### **Wake Boats**

Karen Henry presented an attention-grabbing overview of Wake Boats and Wake Surfing, a potential issue which the Board of Directors is concerned about. Her presentation was intended to educate the membership about this topic, and to gauge the membership's interest in having the Board act on this potential issue. After some active discussion by the members present, Tom Oppel made a motion, and John Bergeron seconded the motion, as amended by their mutual agreement. The amended motion was: "The membership desires the Board of Directors to examine alternatives to deal

with the potential introduction of wake boats into Canaan Street Lake, to choose the best course of action for the Association, and to proceed, communicating progress to the membership as appropriate.” The motion was passed, with all in favor.

### **Other Business**

Annie Johnson suggested the Association develop a presence on social media to improve and expand communications about topics of interest to the CLA community. The suggestion was favorably received, and Karen Henry asked Annie if she would consider coordinating this.

### **Photo Contest**

Five people submitted photos in the adult category, and these will be available on the Canaan Lake Association website (Canaanlakenh.org). Karen thanked David Cole and Maria Clark for coordinating the contest, and Linda Roesch who judged the photos anonymously. Karen projected the winning entries on the screen.

First Place: Donna Allen (Loon)

Second Place: Ashley Arsenal (Setting Sun Behind Clouds)

Third Place: Kathy Kuy (Bonfire at the Lake)

Honorable Mention: Sharon Weaver (Meetinghouse)

Gift certificates donated by Canaan Hardware & Supply, Chappy’s, Red Wagon Bakery, Mickey’s Roadside Cafe, and Canaan Village Pizza are being presented to all submitters.

### **Next Meeting**

The next annual meeting is scheduled for Saturday, July 15, 2023

### **Adjournment**

John Bergeron made a motion to adjourn, Kim Franks seconded the motion, and with all in favor, then meeting was adjourned at 12:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Claude Lemoi  
Secretary/Treasurer

## Notes

# VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

## **Canaan Lake Association Volunteer Lake Hosts 2021-2022**

Elizabeth Jutila - Coordinator	Sandra Hayden
Maria Clark - Volunteer Coordinator	Karen Henry
Jim Adler	Bill Stone
Deb Hutchinson	Claude Lemoi
David Cole	Keith Roy
Kim Franks	Brett Schmidt
Elissa Close	Rick Roesch
Alisa Kline	Karen Webb

## **Canaan Lake Association Weed Watchers 2021 - 2022**

Rick Roesch, Coordinator	
Maria Clark	Annie Johnson
Linda Pendleton	Elissa Close
Skip Pendleton	Rob Schaffer
Claude Lemoi	Ben Hayden
Carol Williams	Sara Booker
Leila Terhune	Karen Albert

## **Canaan Lake Association Nominating Committee 2022**

Jim Adler, Chair  
John Bergeron  
Annie Johnson

## **Canaan Lake Association Annual Meeting Volunteers 2022**

Rick Roesch  
Charlotte Abington  
David Cole  
Kris Burnett  
Elissa Close  
Jan Forbush

Elizabeth Jutila  
Bill Stone  
John Bergeron  
Maria Clark  
Kim Franks  
Kristi Wilson

## **Canaan Lake Association Board of Directors 2021 - 2022**

Karen Henry - President  
Elizabeth Jutila - Vice President  
Claude Lemoi - Secretary/Treasurer  
Chris Day  
Deborah Hutchinson  
Maria Clark  
Kim Franks  
Elissa Close  
Kristi Wilson  
Bill Stone