

CANAAN LAKE ASSOCIATION (CLA)
DRAFT __ BOD Meeting Minutes, 8/21/2024 @ 4:30p
Powers Room, Cardigan Commons, Cardigan Mountain School (CMS)

Meeting was called to order by President, Karen Henry at 4:35PM; held in the Powers Room at CMS.

Members present: Pres. Karen Henry, VP Elizabeth Jutila, Sec/Treas. Elissa Close, Maria Clark, Kim Franks, Deb Hutchinson, Stephen Freese

MINUTES APPROVAL

- Minutes of June Board of Directors (BOD) meeting
 - Karen made the **motion** to APPROVE minutes of meeting held 19 June 2024 with edits.
 - Eliz seconded the **motion** which **passed** unanimously.
- Minutes of 20 July 2024, Annual Meeting
 - Karen made the **motion** to ACCEPT draft minutes of Annual Meeting held 20 July 2024 as discussed.
 - Eliz seconded the **motion** which **passed** unanimously.

REPORTS

Treasurer's report

- **INCOME:** Dues and donations have exceeded 2023 by \$365. Additional in-kind donations of over \$1,000 have been received. Anticipate Town contribution of \$2,000 in November or December.
- **EXPENDITURES:** Lake Host program, CLA's largest expense line, budget was reviewed. CLA has contributed \$3,100 to program thus far and final check of \$825 to will be mailed next week. Program expenses to date are \$4,885. Remainder of Expense Budget without change.
- Overall, CLA continues to enjoy a strong financial situation.

Weed Watchers

No report.

Lake Hosts

- A significant number of previously scheduled paid Lake Hosts have canceled or were no shows for their assigned shifts, thus exacerbating scheduling and staffing responsibilities for the Lake Host Coordinators (both paid and volunteer hosts). In addition to Program Management, documentation, grant writing, etc, the Coordinator (Elizabeth) regularly performs the dual work of attempting to find backfill for no shows and/or covering the absence herself. Stress of assuring coverage at the boat launch and frustration with this worsening problem have led her to step down following this season. Elizabeth's assessment is that staffing issues at the boat ramp have increased in recent years. Hours worked by the Coordinators are mandatory in order to receive the grant. Number of hours Paid and Volunteer Host Coordinators are devoting to the program are well in excess of the expectation to "contribute approximately 5 hours per week to program administration, ramp visits, and communications" as identified in the Official NH Lakes Position Description.
- Discussion with NH Lakes suggests Canaan's issues are common to other lakes / ponds as well. BOD discussed possible new Coordinator:
 - Recent college graduate or grad student.
 - Someone associated with CMS

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- A community member, though initial inquiries in this regard have been declined.
- Kim described his experience while traveling over the summer: Some states host inspection stations in highway pull-offs at state borders, subjecting entering and departing boats to inspection for invasives and, in some cases requiring the boat be washed at an associated boat-wash station before being permitted entry into the state.
- Further discussion at next month's meeting. Karen will contact NH Lakes to learn more about specific requirements and opportunities of Coordinator position.

Water Quality

No report.

Loons

- A female adult loon was found dead on Elizabeth's shoreline on July 26 and was collected by Loon Preservation Committee (LPC) for necropsy which revealed the following:
 - 6 shot pellets scattered through the head, wing, ankle, back and abdomen.
 - A healed injury to the shoulder.
 - A markedly enlarged spleen, possibly due to avian malaria. Tissue samples have been submitted for further analysis.
- LPC will continue to provide updates as information becomes available.
- Ideas for providing protection to loons, particularly over the busy July 4 weekend, were exchanged. No definite plan; for further discussion.

Advisory

No report

President's Report

- Mission Statement Change (to comply with Articles of Agreement)
 - Articles of Agreement pertain to the watershed that feeds Canaan Street Lake and require that Bylaws be in agreement with Articles of Agreement. Prior to 2025 Annual Meeting, the BOD will review 2024 Bylaws to make necessary changes in order to conform to the Articles of Agreement.
- Update on Source Water Protection Committee and UNH Capstone Project
 - Draft Source Water Protection report is written; over next 9 months the final plan will be completed.
 - Karen and John Bergeron have written the CANAAN LAKE WATER QUALITY PROJECT for consideration by UNH for a student capstone project. The project will "make recommendations that will help protect, and possibly improve, the Lake's drinking and recreational water qualities." Specifically, tasks include:
 - Investigate sources of contamination and then propose one or more re-designs for the public beach and boat launch.

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- Evaluate the roads that circumnavigate the Lake regarding potential contamination sources and recommendation for improvements...that will help protect water quality.
- Chris Wolcott will serve as the main point of contact for the project. It is anticipated interested students will be identified prior to next meeting when Karen will update BOD.
- Status of proposal for salt reduction zone: CLA request went to Selectboard in May. Some of the requisite letters from town organizations have been submitted. Stephen anticipates having update for September meeting.
 - Of note: Elevated salt levels in lakes have been found to reduce presence of cyanobacteria blooms. However, chloride is a “forever chemical” that, in excess, will degrade ecosystems making them uninhabitable for many creatures and plants.
 - Testing in the 1980s found levels to be 40 mg/L. Current levels are over 100mg/L.
- Signage (& Social Media Posts) for Canaan Street Lake re: providing protection for purity of Canaan Street Lake (Section ENV-Dw 902.10) “Town of Canaan shall post summary of the prohibitions.” Further discussion next meeting.
- Discussion of Strategic Reserve Fund investment options: Treasurer will seek investment information from Mascoma Bank, where both checking and savings (Strategic Reserve) accounts are currently located. Further discussion next meeting.
- Bathrooms at Town beach: Lake Hosts continue to receive complaints from those recreating at the beach and boat launch regarding conditions and lack of availability of restroom facilities. Karen will seek further information for continued discussion next month.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

- Kim made the **motion** to ADJOURN.
- Eliz seconded the **motion** which **passed** unanimously.

Next meeting: SEPTEMBER 18, 2024 in the Powers Room, CMS

Respectfully submitted,

Elissa Close, Sec/Treas CLA