



Silver Lake Association Belmont-Tilton, Inc.
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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING
June 27, 2020

1. Welcome and Introductions

President Terry Threlfell called the meeting to order at 10:06 AM located on the property of Stacey Cassavaugh, 17 Ashuelot Drive, Tilton, NH. A quorum was established by having at least 27 members present. Terry introduced the officers: Jonathan Muenier, VP, was unable to attend; Juliette Paquin, Treasurer; and Sabina Foote, Secretary. Board Members in attendance were: Dawn Marie Godin, Pauline Tessier, Rich Stanley, Karl Makin, and Dennis Leclerc; Bill Naughton was absent. Welcome new members: Kathy Rowell, James Braga, Dale Daly, Mark Evans, and Steven & Sue Ferri.

2. Reading of the Minutes

Terry read the 2019 Minutes of the Annual Meeting submitted by Secretary Sabina Foote. Dawn Marie Godin made a motion to accept the minutes as read; Dave Foote seconded the motion. All voted unanimously to accept the minutes of June 8, 2019.

Dave Foote mentioned copies of the amended By-laws are available. Terry read the two amendment changes regarding voting rights for each dues-paying individual (not families) and meetings can be conducted by electronic communication.

3. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Julie Paquin presented a financial report with a balance of \$8,945.80 through May 2020. Membership decreased almost 25% since last year. After discussion about revenue and expenses, Dave Foote made a motion to accept the Annual Treasurer's Report FY May 2020; Rich Stanley seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Election of Officers and Board Members

The terms for president and secretary were open for renewal. Many recognized their accomplishments and desire to have them continue. Jim Jalbert made a motion for Terry Threlfall to continue as president for a two-year term; Rich Stanley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Marie Bonnett made a motion for Sabina Foote to continue as secretary for a two-year term; Rich Stanley seconded the motion. It passed by a majority vote with one opposed.

Discussion ensued about the president's responsibilities. Dawn Marie mentioned that the Board of Directors is available to help with tasks. For example, Paul O'Connell took on the task of monitoring the State's attempt to change the Mean High-Water Level, which the State proposed to be 468 feet. This would have resulted in property loss around the lake. The result was a Mean High-Water Level that saved a lot of land and beaches. Lew Loud added a big thank- you for Paul's continuing efforts.

Rich Stanley suggested delegating tasks to members of the Association, not just the Board.

Terry acknowledged the Mueniers for managing the Facebook page and, especially, Jonathan's milfoil efforts with Aqualogic. Everyone applauded.

One vacancy on the Board was open. Dave Foote made a motion to nominate Mark Evans to serve on the Board of Directors; Lew Loud seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously to elect Mark Evans for a three-year term.

Officers & Board Members (with term dates):

President: Terry Threlfall (2022)

VP: Jonathan Meunier (2021)

Secretary: Sabina Foote (2022)

Treasurer: Juliette Paquin (2021)

Board Members: Dennis Leclerc (2021); Karl Makin (2021); Dawn Marie Godin (2022); Bill Naughton (2022); Pauline Tessier (2022); Mark Evans (2023)

5. Milfoil Mitigation Efforts for 2020

Dawn Marie Godin gave a summary update of past practices. Lake Winnisquam manages the river above the dam. Manual harvesting methods can cause pieces of milfoil to break and take root. More growth has been observed on Silver Lake likely from material flowing down river from Lake Winnisquam. Samples of milfoil plants were displayed. She recommended raking it from your beach and using it in your garden.

Lew Loud added that the plant is insidious because it breaks naturally and the tips reroot. Mark Evans informed that he collects a wheelbarrow on his beach each week to manage it.

Dawn Marie emphasized that milfoil management is an ongoing effort.

Terry mentioned that Aqualogic needs 21 days to harvest milfoil they found in the lake. The estimated cost is \$18,300. Part of it will be covered by a DES grant of \$7,320. The DASH boat has also been sold to Aqualogic in exchange for 3.5 days of harvesting. Marie Bonnett wanted to know how much milfoil was collected, but the data has not been

reported yet. Terry also has a Winnisquam Milfoil Management Plan in a PowerPoint file to share with the Board Members.

Dawn Marie announced that members will be asked to work with Aqualogic to make sure they collect every piece of material they disrupt to prevent further regrowth.

Rich Stanley noted that the towns should be invested in milfoil efforts on Silver Lake based on the amount of taxes paid and they should consider the lake as a state asset.

Jim Sawicki suggested that the Association should coordinate town funding requests with budget meetings. Terry informed members that support from Belmont came through the Conservation Committee of which he is a member. He pointed out that the DES milfoil map was inadequate because they neglected to identify some important areas.

6. Merchandise Sales

Revenue from apparel and related sales totaled \$1061.15 last year. This year sales have totaled \$815 to date. Visit the Facebook page for updates. Dave Foote suggested adding an open window in early December to make holiday gift purchases.

7. Boat Parade

The boat parade will be held on Saturday, July 4, 1:00 PM. The theme is open, and John Cambray will assist with judging. Dave Foote has ordered trophies but is unable to preside.

8. New Business

Paul O'Connell discussed the water level being low this year. He contacted state representatives, including Gallagher and his staff, and town managers of Belmont and Tilton. Mike Silva was the only one who responded.

Rich Stanley expressed concerns about parking at the boat launch. Jim Jalbert explained that NO PARKING signage was established by the town to keep lanes open for the fire department, especially when parties in that area were more common at the time.

Lew Loud mentioned the Franklin water park could affect Silver Lake water levels. Paul added that the town of Franklin wants to add three weekends per month of adjusted water levels. There is a 75-foot water drop between Silver Lake and Franklin. If the lake level remained at 15 inches up or down, that would be fine; but constantly making changes is disruptive. A question was raised whether Franklin or the State conducted an impact study.

Jim Sawicki made a motion to send a letter to DES requesting an impact study of the Mill City Park at Franklin Falls project and how it will affect Belmont-Tilton property owners on Silver Lake, and to state that the Association oppose the project, until a determination can be made on the effect it will have on Silver Lake property and water levels. Dave Foote seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Paul O'Connell questioned whether or not to continue the <<https://www.silverlakenh.org>> website subscription. It is primarily used to pay dues online and fill in the membership form. These features can be available on the Facebook page. Paul made a motion to discontinue the website subscription, Mark Evans seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. Rich Stanley made a motion to keep the URL name for a small fee and Lew Loud seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

Julie Paquin made a motion to nominate Pauline Tessier as chair of the hospitality committee. Dennis Leclerc seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Dawn Marie offered to provide her with a list of Tilton property owners.

Stacey Cassavaugh was thanked for hosting the annual meeting. Terry, Jonathan, Julie and Sabina were thanked for all they do as volunteers.

9. Adjournment

Dave Foote made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Rich Stanley seconded it. The meeting was adjourned at 11:37 AM.

Respectfully submitted by Sabina Foote