

Hampshire Shores Association

Annual Meeting Minutes

August 05, 2023

Agenda items:

- **Lee Britton called the meeting to order at 10:02 am**
- **Introduction of current Officers and Board members:**
 - **Officers:**
 - Lee Britton – President
 - Michael Flynn – Vice President
 - Robin Bouchard - Secretary
 - Jamie Flynn – Clerk
 - Kathy DeRoche/Lorraine Beucler - Treasurers
 - **Board of Directors:**
 - Bill Magee
 - Paul Miller
 - Nick DeCristofaro
 - David Miller
 - Christine Martin
 - Brian Beucler
- **Introduction of residents.**
- **Review and accept the meeting minutes** from the August 27, 2022, Annual Meeting. Dave Miller motioned to accept; Paul Miller seconded.
- **Financial update** – Lorraine Beucler/Kathy DeRoche Treasurer's report.
 - Lorraine reviewed the Treasurer's report.
 - Extra money was carried forward and could be reserved for future needs of the association beach such as a gate.
 - Unpaid dues – 10 Members outstanding.

- Dave Miller motioned to accept the report; Lee Britton seconded.
- **Lake Quality** – John Mullen, Dave Miller
 - **Milfoil:**
 - Randy Barns is the milfoil contact. He pulled 120 gallons during 2023.
 - The state will come by in September to take another look and will determine if we need another dive.
 - The cost is approximately \$1,000 a dive. The state pays 50% and the town pays 50%.
 - **Cyanobacteria:**
 - **What is Cyanobacteria?**

Cyanobacteria (formerly known as blue-green algae) are photosynthetic bacteria that utilize the sun's energy but also behave as bacteria. Cyanobacteria are some of the earliest inhabitants of our waters; they naturally occur in most of our lakes, though often in relatively low numbers in New Hampshire. Many species of cyanobacteria grow in colonies to form surface water "blooms." Blooms are diverse in appearance. They can range in color from green, blue-green, yellow, white, or black and consist of thousands of individual cells. Research indicates that cyanobacteria abundance increases as lake nutrients increase, however each taxa have their own unique requirements for growth.
 - **Is it harmful?**
 - Cyanobacteria blooms are aesthetically displeasing in sight, odor, and taste, as well as potentially toxic to domestic animals, livestock, wildlife, and humans.
 - **Some Causes of this bacteria:**
 - Climate change and polluted runoff from rain events and flooding contribute to these blooms.
 - Run off from compromised Septic Systems.
 - Fertilizers.

- **What can the residents of Sunrise Lake do?**
 - Dave Miller and John Mullen proposed the association put basic measures in place to help avoid some causes.
 - Septic tanks should be pumped annually with an inspection every two years.
 - Do not use fertilizer within 250 ft of the lake.
 - Plant natural borders of vegetation to avoid runoff.
 - Dave Miller motioned to accept these guidelines for the association. It was accepted by the association as a voluntary standard that members should strive to meet.
 - John advised that a meeting is planned with the conservation committee to promote this plan.
 - Residents asked if there was anything we do about the geese.
 - John Mullen made a look at planting vegetation that distracts them.
- **Water testing:**
 - Ten spots were evaluated in the lake.
 - Each test cost \$20 – Town budgeted for 3 Tests.
 - We did not need to contribute to the testing.
 - State issues a report at the end of the year.
- **Boat ramp gate:**
 - A new gate was installed.
- **Association By-Laws**
 - About ready to go into final draft.
 - The By-Laws will be posted on the website and a copy will go out with the dues notice.
- **Snowmobile access from the old association beach:**
 - Brian Beucler brought forth a consideration from the Powder Snowmobile club to allow access from Tanglewood, through the old association beach, to access the lake.

- Powder Snowmobile club will maintain the path. They offered to put a gate in.
- Judy Larivee voiced her concerns about traffic, privacy, and road issues.
- John Mullen indicated that if a path was to be created, that you cannot remove vegetation within 25ft of the water without a permit.
- Lee Britton advised that the by-laws state the use of the property is for the sole use of the backlots.
- Lee Britton asked all present at the meeting if anyone supported further investigation regarding insurance and legal impacts to consider this request.
- Lee Britton asked for a show of hands for all those opposed to pursuing this matter. The majority voted against further consideration.
- Lee Britton made a motion to nominate Officers and Board of Directors.
 - **Nominees:**
 - **Election of Officers:**
 - Lee Britton –President
 - Michael Flynn – Vice President
 - Robin Bouchard - Secretary
 - Jamie Flynn – Clerk
 - Kathy DeRoche and Lorraine Beucler Treasurer(s)
 - **Board of Directors:**
 - Bill Magee
 - Paul Miller
 - Dave Miller
 - Brian Beucler
 - Nick DeCristofaro
 - Judy Larivee volunteered.
 - The motion to elect officers and Board of Directors was accepted.
- **The meeting adjourned at 11:00 am.**

